

Newsletter

Ringmore Parish

October 2007

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Deadline : 9am Friday 26th October

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Debbie for all the hard work and dedication she put into the newsletter during her time as joint editor. It really is a labour of love to which we all have benefited.

Lyn Knight, Paul Riva and Jane Guy have all offered their help and support in the running of the newsletter of which I am extremely grateful and I hope this will draw on a wide choice of opinions and knowledge.

Winter approaches and along with the falling leaves and cold weather comes the start of the Short Mat Bowls on the 8th October, quiz nights at the J.E starting on the 1st November along with the beer festival, Halloween parties and many other social activities, and don't forget that this month is the last month to have your say regarding the Parish Plan.

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It is with great sadness that we say farewell to Peter Wooding's and give our heartfelt feelings to Judith and Oliver. His sudden unexpected passing has been a shock to all who knew him.
Peter and his family soon established themselves as 'regular's' in the village throwing themselves into village life wholeheartedly.
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Please send items for inclusion in the Newsletter to: 8 Crossways, Ringmore, TQ7 4HP OR email: news@ringmore.net
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DIARY FOR THE MONTH

Monday: Short-mat bowls Parish Room 7.30pm
Tuesday: Table Tennis Parish Room 7.30pm
October
8/10 Short Mat Bowls Parish Room 7.30pm
11/10 W.I meeting W.I Hall 8pm
12/10 Beer festival weekend J.E
13/10 Children's Choir Barnford 11am
15/10 Music at the Paddock 7.30pm
20/10 Flu Vaccination day Modbury Health Centre 8.30-3pm
21/10 Trafalgar Day lunch J.E
22/10 Comments deadline for Parish Plan
23/10 Parish council meeting W.I hall 7pm
26/10 RBL Auction J.E 8.30pm
27/10 Film show THE QUEEN Bigbury Memorial Hall 7pm
31/10 Halloween party J.E
November
14/11 Historical Society AGM W.I hall 7.30pm
16/11 SWDCA Charterlands branch Farm house supper 7pm

Music at the paddock With Frank & Drina

Mondays at 7.30pm

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October 15th
November 12th
December 10th

January 14th
February 11th
March 10th

Newcomers with a liking for good music are very welcome.

MOBILE LIBRARY Friday 5th and 19th

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



GARDENING FOR OCTOBER

Leaves will begin to fall and should be collected to make compost. Before the weather makes the soil into mud turn the soil with the spade or rotavator; the frosts that start this month will do the rest during the winter. Areas to be planted should be made ready to receive their plants. Design new flower gardens this month. Most designs start on the back of an envelope during spells spent supposed to be watching TV in the evenings. Try something different, experiment with new combinations of shape and colour. Colour schemes will need to be worked out. Lists will need to be made of seeds and plants to buy for next year. Repair and lay new lawns, and repair paths and walkways.

Anemone beds should be got ready and the tubers planted. Make final plantings of bulbs. Seed gatherers should collect aster, hollyhock and dahlia seeds. The more adventurous will try their hand at raising pinks and carnations; depending on what they get next year will determine whether they try their hand at breeding new varieties in the future. Dahlia tubers should be lifted and stored. Increase your stock of winter aconite by division. Gladioli corms should be lifted and stored for next year. Herbaceous plants may be increased by division and then replanted and the new plants moved to new positions. Exchange plants with your neighbours.

CUTTINGS

Cuttings of Bouvardias, Calceolarias, Cerastiums, Periwinkles, Phloxes, Ragwort, Roses, Salvias, various shrubs, Verbenas should be taken.

PLANT

Those biennial and perennial seedlings such as pansies.

UNDER GLASS

plants underglass need protection at night as the frosts begin to bite. Avoid cold drafts through the greenhouse, automatic ventilators can avoid problems, but watch the temperature. Make sure that the plants you put in the greenhouse are free from disease and their containers have been cleaned. Pelargoniums need their leaves kept dry, so be careful when watering. Pinch out the tops of plants such as Clarkia, Schizanthus and Sweetpeas so that they bush out. Take cuttings of Calceolarias, and tidy up the camellias. If you want single specimen blooms debut the Perpetual Carnations and Chrysanthemums otherwise let them spray out.

POTTING

Pot up Arum Lilies. After bulbs have been potted they should be shaded from strong light for a few days. Now is the time to pot up hardy and half hardy plants for displays. Try a miniature Rose in the house, or take some cuttings of pansies for indoor flowering.

VEGETABLES

Keep the ground free from weeds between the growing plants with the hoe. After the beans and peas have been harvested turn the soil over and leave it fallow over the winter so that the weather can do its work preparing the ground for next season. Any root vegetables, such as Carrots and Beetroot, should be lifted when their tops fade and any to be stored should be in good condition. Asparagus foliage should be cut down when mature. Cauliflowers grown from seed will need planting out and protected with glass. Onions and Turnip beds should be thinned. Clear the last of the potatoes and store them. Celery and leeks will need earthing up.

PLANTING

Cabbage and lettuces can still be transplanted to a cold frame or warm border. Try some Rhubarb.

UNDER GLASS

Cauliflower seedlings should be pricked out into trays and placed in frames; earlier sowing will need thinning. Endive and lettuce can be grown until Christmas by successional pricking out. If you like Rhubarb try lifting a root and planting in a warm dark place and you will extend your season. Mustard and Cress can still be grown in succession to supply the table throughout the winter. Those who like Parsley can lift a root or two and plant them in a cold frame.

Sow Radish and Tomato seeds.

TREES AND SHRUBS

its replace and add time for new shrubs and trees. Deciduous stock should be moved as quickly as possible to encourage new root growth. Evergreens large or small can also be moved. Cuttings and layering can be carried out until the weather shows signs of a change for the cold to come.

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LOCAL CHURCH SERVICES IN OCTOBER

Date	Bigbury	Kingston	Ringmore
Oct 7 th	11.00 a.m. Family Service	9.00 a.m. Communion	11.00 a.m. Family Service
14 th	11.00 a.m. Family Service	6.00 p.m. Team Praise & Prayer	9.00 a.m. CW Spoken Communion
17 th	2.30 p.m. Korniloff Comm'n		4.00 p.m. Spoken Comm'n
21 st	9.00 a.m. BCP Communion	11.00 a.m. Family Service with Children's Club	6.00 p.m. Evening Prayer
28 th	11.00 a.m. Family Service	6.00 p.m. Evening Prayer	9.00 a.m. BCP Communion
Nov 4 th	11.00 a.m. Family Service	9.00 a.m. CW Communion	6.00 p.m. All Saints Service of Commemoration

WORK IN PROGRESS

Have you looked at the Church and thought to yourself "Who do they think they are?", "What a load of hypocrites" In many ways you would be correct; but have you ever been to a building site? It looks anything but a building, doesn't it? That is because, to the onlooker, it does not yet appear what it will eventually become. Only, bit by bit, under the architects' supervision do bricks, sand, beams and piles start taking shape.

The Bible says that we are children of God, and that is only the beginning, for only he knows how we will end up! Yet we do have a template against which to measure ourselves as we grow: the purity of Jesus life is a model for our own (see 1st Epistle of John Ch. 3 verses 2&3). We may be a mess right now and, if the Church is doing a good job there will be lots of messy people in it. Folk pulled out of rough situations and people in the process of being restored, amongst others, all should be there. A baby does not come from the womb clean and dressed up; there is all that pain, stretching, messiness and the huge life adjustments that accompany the birthing process.

The good news for a Christian is that you are under construction, there is a plan and a purpose behind what is going on in your life right now. Yes, it does all start when Jesus Christ comes into your life by His Spirit and your life is immediately changed, but it does take time for your emotions, appetites and attitudes to be sorted. It takes work, His and ours, lots of it. In each of us there are areas that need to be corrected and made whole.

So when you look at the Church with thoughts running "If you were really Christian you wouldn't act like that" it is understandable. But remember falling down is part of learning to walk. Each one of us can know what to do, but struggle to do it. God is there for us when we are sorry for what we do wrong, he forgives us and props us up to give our lives firm foundations while the building process continues.

Many years ago a group of girls in our local church had some badges made which read :-

P B P W M F G H N F W M Y

They enjoyed the quizzical looks, especially from their husbands, as folk asked "What on earth does that stand for?" The answer is one we could all give "Please Be Patient With Me God Has Not Finished With Me Yet"

John & Pam Elliott (810565)

Butternut Squash Soup

Well October is pumpkin time but instead this month you've got a recipe for squash. Even the most belligerent of finger feeders will happily dunk a hunk of bread in this!

1 onion, diced
1 clove of garlic, crushed
1 teaspoon of curry powder (strength according to taste) OR 1 teaspoon dried mixed herbs.
1 tablespoon of olive oil
1 butternut squash, peeled, seeded and diced
1 pint of low sodium stock
A little extra boiled water
Plain yoghurt to serve

In a large saucepan, fry the onion and garlic in a little oil till soft, then add the curry powder or herbs and stir together. Add the butternut squash and stir together so that all of the squash is coated in the oniony oil. Cover with the stock, and if necessary a little extra water so the squash is all under water. Bring to boil and simmer for 10 - 15 minutes till the squash is tender

Drain away most of the stock into a jug -you will need about 2-3 cm left in the pan

Whizz with a hand blender or in a liquidiser until you have a thick smooth velvety soup. **CAUTION** - if you're going to use a liquidiser then allow the soup to cool a little before you blend it, as blending hot liquid can cause the lid of the liquidiser to pop off, showering the scalding liquid everywhere.

Reheat the soup if necessary, share between bowls and swirl a teaspoon of yoghurt on the top

Parish Plan

As most of you will be aware by now the Parish Council are in the process of putting together with your help a Plan, it wishes to identify what people value and want to preserve and also what they would like to change.

We have had several comments posted in the comments' box in the church porch but would now like to draw your attention to the fact that we are having to put a closing date for comments. All comments must be received by October 22nd either by posting to the newsletter at 8 Crossways or putting in the comments box in the church porch.

If there is sufficient response a parish meeting will be arranged.

Caption Competition

Please send all captions to the newsletter at 8 Crossways

All captions will be printed next month!



Farewell

We would like to wish Julia, David, Oli, Rosie, and Ed Stogdale all the best in their new home in Galmpton. Although they will be missed by their many friends in the village they are not far away and hopefully will take frequent refreshment stops in the JE. Obviously the lure of a swimming pool in their new basement lured them away from the Castle and I think they should be encouraged to invite us to a housewarming to see it!

Anyway we wish them much happiness in their new home.

Welcome

A big welcome to James and Jane Lewis who moved into the Old Castle this month. James and Jane have moved from Kent but have family connections in Bantham. We wish them much happiness in their new home and look forward to seeing them around the village.

Ringmore Children's Choir

"The Children's Choir now plans to get together for the first time on Saturday 13th October at 11.00 a.m. at Barnford, opposite Ringmore church. It was decided to postpone it until the children were back and settled at school, but this will be a chance to meet before the half term week when some may be going away. Please contact Adrian & Judy Bull on 810420, or Alice Thornton on 810284, or just turn up on the day."

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DIARY FOR SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER

Fri 31st Aug / Brian Elliot's GOLFERS WEEKEND

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**RINGMORE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER 2007 WI HALL
7.00PM**

Cllr. Lambell signed the 'Declaration of Acceptance of Office' form.

OPEN SESSION

Mr M. Findlay questioned the item in the August minutes regarding Cllr. Chicken not being able to debate or vote on tree related items when he is employed by our local tree surgeon. It was agreed that cllrs. could debate on subjects they have knowledge of but could not vote if they have a specific interest, in accordance with the code of Conduct.

Mr Barry Old asked why it was necessary for all the minutes to be printed in the Newsletter when previously only a short summary was published. A now displayed on the two Council notice boards for parishioners to read. The Chairman stated that he wanted as many people as possible to be aware of what the parish council were doing. Cllr. Bohnet agreed to reduce the font size when these are published in the newsletter.

Cllr. Jones suggested that when speakers attend the council meetings they should be given the opportunity to speak higher up on the agenda, than is shown at present, therefore giving them a chance to depart early and visit other council meetings. He also did not think it was necessary for the clerk's salary to be displayed in the notice boards and the newsletter. It was agreed that the amounts will not be shown in future.

MINUTES OF AUGUST MEETING

As a result of the above, it was agreed that the word 'debate' should be deleted. The minutes were then signed as correct.

MATTERS ARISING

Bonfires- There are no specific laws regarding bonfires in the South Hams. However, if a statutory nuisance is being caused, then legal action to prevent such a nuisance can be taken under the Environmental Protection Act 1990. In the first instance it would be advisable to approach the person lighting the fire to come to some amicable agreement.

Sat Nav Directions - Cllr. Deverson after making enquiries found there are no signs available at present to deter people using sat nav going down the wrong roads, however new software will be available towards the end of the year which will address some of the problems. Signage to stop vehicles going down to the Journey's End was discussed, but it was decided that possibly our County Councillor Mr W. Mumford might be able to help.

ITEMS CARRIED FORWARD

The Chairman stated that he had returned the questionnaire for the Local Development Framework Documents. He gave a brief resume of his comments, stating that in his opinion Ringmore did not fit into the requirements of the framework i.e. bus services, shops etc.

Cllr. Bohnet was pleased to announce that she had three parishioners who were willing to help in the production of the newsletter. Lyn Knight, Jane Guy and Paul Riva. The Chairman asked if all three were needed to which Cllr. Bohnet was happy to enlist their help thus giving the newsletter a wider choice of knowledge and opinions.

Parish Room - The Clerk reported that she had received copies of correspondence sent to Mr. A. McCarthy regarding the Parish Room. Registration of the leasehold interest of Ringmore Parish Council has now been completed. A copy of the title information document, received from Plymouth Land Registry, title number DN556755 has also been forwarded. The leasehold, title deeds, on behalf of the Parish Council will be held by the solicitors. Cllrs were happy for the clerk to keep this important documentation in her filing system.

TREES

Town Well - work has now been completed.

40/1541/07/TCA Notification to undertake works received for the Parish Room.

Cllr. Lambell stated that a few years ago South Hams gave away trees to plant in areas where large amounts of trees were being cut down. Cllr. Deverson will look into this matter.

PLANNING

Application 40/1860/07/F Erection of replacement conservatory Noddon Farmhouse Ringmore - no objection.

Cllr. Jones raised the point that as he and Cllr. Parkin were responsible for dealing with planning applications and receive plans on arrival was it necessary for them to be circulated, or would councillors see them on the night of the meeting. The Chairman said that it was not necessary for them to be circulated, but if there were any major problems then they could be discussed at the next meeting, or in exceptional circumstances a special meeting arranged.

The subject was once again raised of planning applications on the Bigbury side of Challaborough. This was particularly referring to a smoking shelter outside the Christies Clubroom, which Ringmore had not been able to see. After discussion it was agreed that the Chairman will speak to our Dtr. Cllr. B. Carson to try and ensure that copies of all plans for Challaborough are seen by both Parish Councils.

ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

Nothing to report.

Neighbourhood Watch - Mr B. Old mentioned that he receives numerous calls relating to police incidents throughout the region a lot of which is not relevant to our village. He will only concentrate on local incidents and display these on the council notice board.

VILLAGE PLAN

The suggestion boxes at the Church Fete and Church Porch have produced a few ideas. It was agreed that an extra page would be inserted into next months newsletter for comments on the village plan to be returned, by a deadline date. If there is sufficient response a parish meeting will be arranged.

CORRESPONDENCE

South West Water to carry out utilities work, road closure Bulhorn Cross to Ringmore 29th October to 9th November.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Traffic Calming - Cllr.Jones reported that he had spoken to Mr N Oxtton of Highways regarding the speed of traffic up and down the lane from Challaborough, as a result of which a 'SLOW DOWN' battery operated sign is available, site to be agreed, but will only be in place for 2 weeks.

Cllr.Parkin stated that the 'Welcome Pack' was nearly complete just waiting for letters from various organisations.

Cllr.Bohnet stated that the road from the bus shelter down to the Journey's End was subsiding, also the manhole cover needed to be replaced. Cllrs. Deverson and Chicken will look into this item.

The Chairman stated that a parishioner had called him regarding foul water in the J.E carpark. Environmental Health Department visited the site, taking samples of the water away. It is thought that the problem is coming from a septic tank which belongs to Quarry Park. After discussion it was agreed that Cllr. Parkin will speak to the owners of Quarry Park and in the meantime we await Environmental Health findings.


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Thoughts on the September meeting

We were visited by WPC Anita Williams of the Devon and Cornwall Police Helicopter division. She gave us a very detailed talk with slides covering the history of the role of helicopters used by the Police Force, the members

carried on board, the sophisticated equipment and interesting anecdotes of previous operations. Anita was one of the very first women to be included into what was one of the first helicopter units in the country. They are now based in Exeter on the same site as the Devon Air Ambulance which results in close co-ordination between the two services.

The role they play was brought home to us only a few days after her talk when during a wonderful sunny Saturday afternoon the whirr of helicopter blades was heard. I expect some of us looked up and seeing the yellow and blue colouring of the Police Helicopters wondered if perhaps Anita, was on board. Fortunately they had been called out for what turned out to be a local minor incident, but it is comforting to know that the unit is at hand monitoring and looking after our safety, security and general well being.

Scattered Homes, Broken Hearts

This is the title of a remarkable book by Vicky Norman, full of memories and stories of orphanage life before the Second World War, the terror experienced by children during the Blitz, their evacuation to Clovelly and their experiences – and traumas – as evacuees. The book is deeply moving, and lifts the curtain on life before and during the War.

Vicky is the speaker at our meeting on Thursday 11th October, starting at 8 p.m., and it promises to be an unforgettable and fascinating evening. The meeting is, of course, open to all – men as well as women – so book the date and join us in the W.I. Hall.

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Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal Auction

The annual Auction of promises and useful items will be held in the Journey's End Inn on Friday 26th October commencing at 8.30pm. Viewing starts at 6.00pm so why not have a meal before the auction starts. As usual we are always pleased to receive useful items or pledges for the auction as variety sometimes opens wallets and purses. To arrange delivery of items please contact Alan McCarthy on 810738. Collection can also be arranged. Please support this annual event which contributes, with your generosity, a large sum to the Poppy Appeal enabling it to provide help and assistance to past and present members of our armed forces.

Ringmore Short Mat Bowls

Bowling starts for the winter season on Monday 8th October at 7.30pm. New players are always welcome and there are club bowls to use if you do not have your own. On a 42ft mat placing a bowl next to a yellow jack is very easy; shame about the lump of wood half way down in the middle of the mat. Still, it makes it interesting. Why not come along and give it a try. Membership is not required for the trial period and what else can £1 buy for two hours of exercise, frustration and friendly banter, plus tea and biscuits.

For further information call Alan McCarthy on 810738

Quinces

'Di and Dennis Collinson have quite a good crop of quinces if anyone wants to try some adventurous cooking; free, of course, but please ring 810286 first.'

'Ringmore Kept a Secret'

Thank you to everyone who made my surprise party a 75th Birthday to remember. Especially to Paul, Juliet, Nigel and Karen for their special efforts. To have seven of my children together is a rare event nowadays and it meant a great deal to me. Lastly to my soul mate - clever girl!

Michael Hammond

SWDCA Charterlands Branch (Bigbury, Ringmore & Kingston)

will be holding a Farmhouse Supper on Friday 16 November 2007, 7pm for 7.30pm.

Special guest: Gary Streeter MP

Further details follow in next month's edition

A Big Thank You

Must go to the organisers, helpers and all those who attended the Macmillan Coffee morning which raised £380, this is a very worthy cause and will help to make a huge difference to the lives of people living with cancer.

THE SHOEBOX APPEAL - OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Yes, the Christmas season is not that too far off - the gift catalogues are coming through the letter box, the leaves are tumbling down and it is getting decidedly colder, so this an early reminder to keep shoe boxes and to start collecting little items. This is an international charity run by Samaritan's Purse who deliver millions of shoeboxes filled with presents to disenfranchised children who would otherwise get nothing at Christmas time. These are all packed up during November so there will be more details in the next Newsletter but in the meantime here is a reminder. YES to hats, scarves and gloves, little toys, balls, games, pencils, pens, colouring books, soaps, toothpaste and brushes, boiled sweets etc. but NO to chocolates, liquids and religious books. It is not expected that any one person fills a box on their own but any small contribution will be welcomed. The local children enjoy packing the boxes (they are better at picking the suitable items for their own age group) and the final date for this will be published in the November issue. Please telephone me if you wish any contributions to be collected. Jane Guy 810381

September Solutions:

Simple Enigma:

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The reason? You have to say what's in the previous line and write it down as you're saying it. So for 312211 it's "one three, one one, two two's, two one's"

Premiership Enigma:

Thomas Hardy, Robert Burns, Edward Elgar,

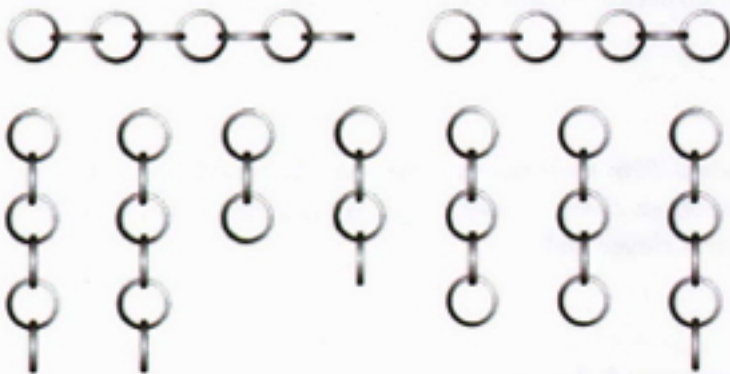
Alun Turing, Marie Stopes, Bob Geldof,

Aneurin Bevan, Eric Morecambe, Jane Austen, Agatha Christie, Maria Sharapova, Michael Caine.

Premiership Enigma – October set by - Romeo Drifter

Simple Enigma

REPAIR THE CHAIN



The task is to join these nine pieces of chain into a single chain. To open a chain costs 10p and to close it, 20p. A new chain of 50 links costs £2.50 so, for obvious reasons, the repair must cost less. What is the least expensive repair that can be effected?

From these 5 words, can you change a single letter in each, to produce 5 new words. The new letters used make a fruit.

- DATE
- NUT
- LIME
- PEACH
- PEAR

October Sudoku

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

September Solution

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

GRANDMOTHERS

(An essay written by a little boy in a school in England)

A Grandmother is a woman who has no children of her own, so she loves the boys and girls of other people.

Grandmothers have nothing to do, they only have to be there. If they take you for a walk they go slowly past beautiful leaves and caterpillars. They never say "come along quickly" or "hurry up for goodness sake".

They are usually fat, but not too fat to tie up our shoe laces. They can answer every question, for instance, why dogs hate cats and why God, is not married.

They wear spectacles and sometimes take out their teeth. When they read to us, they do not leave out anything. They do not mind if it is always the same story.

Everyone should have a Grandmother, especially those who have no television.

Grandmothers are the only grown-ups who always have time.

(Copied from "Women in Kenya")

Kit Taylor

kindly submitted by Mike Wynn-Powell

A woman, renewing her driver's license at the Motor Registration office, was asked by the counter clerk to state her occupation. She hesitated, uncertain how to classify herself. "What I mean is," explained the counter clerk, "do you have a job or are you just a ...?" "Of course I have a job," snapped the woman. "I'm a Mum." "We don't list 'Mum' as an occupation, 'housewife' covers it," Said the clerk emphatically.

I forgot all about her story until one day I found myself in the same situation, this time at our own Medicare office.

The Clerk was obviously a career woman, poised, efficient, and possessed of a high sounding title like, "Official Interrogator" or "Town Registrar." "What is your occupation?" she probed.

What made me say it? I do not know.

The words simply popped out.

"I'm a Research Associate in the field of Child Development and Human Relations."

The clerk paused, ball-point pen frozen in midair and looked up as though she had not heard right.

I repeated the title slowly emphasizing the most significant words.

Then I stared with wonder as my pronouncement was written,

in bold, black ink on the official questionnaire.

"Might I ask," said the clerk with new interest, "just what you do in your field?"

Coolly, without any trace of fluster in my voice, I heard myself reply,

"I have a continuing program of research,

(what mother doesn't)
In the laboratory and in the field,
(normally I would have said indoors and out).
I'm working for my Masters, (first the Lord and then the whole family)
and already have four credits (all daughters).
Of course, the job is one of the most demanding in the humanities,
(any mother care to disagree?)
and I often work 14 hours a day, (24 is more like it).
But the job is more challenging than most run-of-the-mill careers and the rewards are
more of a satisfaction rather than just money."
There was an increasing note of respect in the clerk's voice as she
completed the form, stood up, and personally ushered me to the door.
As I drove into our driveway, buoyed up by my glamorous new career,
I was greeted by my lab assistants
- ages 13, 7, and 3.
Upstairs I could hear our new experimental model,
(a 6 month old baby) in the child development program, testing out a new vocal pattern.
I felt I had scored a beat on bureaucracy!
And I had gone on the official records as someone more distinguished and indispensable to mankind than "just another Mum." Motherhood!

What a glorious career!
Especially when there's a title on the door.

Does this make grandmothers
"Senior Research associates in the field of
Child Development and Human Relations"
And great grandmothers
"Executive Senior Research Associates?"

Cuckoo

The other night I was invited out for a night with the guys. I told my wife that I would be home by midnight...."promise!" Well, the hours passed quickly and the beer was going down way too easy. At 2am, drunk as a skunk, I headed for home. Just as I got in the door, the cuckoo clock in the hall started up and cuckooed three times.

Quickly, I realised she'd probably wake up, so I cuckooed another 9 times. I was really proud of myself for having such a rapid, witty solution, even when smashed, to escape a possible conflict.

The next morning my wife asked me what time I got in, and I told her 12 o'clock. She didn't seem disturbed at all. Got away with that one, I thought! Then she told me we needed a new cuckoo clock.

When I asked her why she said, "Well, last night it cuckooed 3 times, then said, 'oh bugger', cuckooed 4 more times, cleared it's throat, cuckooed another 3 times, giggled, cuckooed twice more.....then farted".

Contributed by: David & Andrea Young

Pam's Poem

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RAINFALL: Robbie McCarthy

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ALL WARMLY WELCOMED

RINGMORE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

In 1924 a Ringmore farmer, Albert Moore, lost five of his lambs. A retired London schoolmaster, initials H.P., composed the following verses which were subsequently printed and circulated as a pamphlet. Apparently the verses were sung to the tune of 'Mary Had a Little Lamb', but what tune is that? The archive copy is written by hand. Does a printed pamphlet survive anywhere in the village?

A farmer had five little lambs
With fleece as white as snow;
But where the deuce they wandered to
There's no one seems to know.

So when I got to London town
I bought a crystal ball,
And there I saw, as clear as mud,
The sad, sad fate of all.

The first one popped into the school
And could not read a letter;
He got thrown out and broke his neck,
The poor thing gets no better.

The next one dropped into the Inn
And drank a cask of beer,
He swelled and swelled and bust hisself,
Which drowned the cat, poor dear.

The third one went to Challabro',
To try to learn to swim.
He swam right down to Kingdom Come,
Alas, poor little Jim.

The fourth went capering on the cliff
As if upon a lawn;
Over he went, and now he feeds
The lobster, crab and prawn.

The fifth walked into Modbury,
He did not care a button,
He strolled into the butcher's shop
And got turned into mutton.

And late one night when the moon was bright,
And Dick walked out with Jane,
They saw five little ghostly lambs
Gliding up Cockle Lane.

Dick's hair stood up and so did Jane's,
And as they came up to 'em,
Dick says to Jane, 'They don't weigh much,
For I can see right through 'em.'

So up along and down along
They came at last to Aymer,
And there they melted into mist,
And that's what fogs the farmer.

So there you are and there you'll be,
It's true, upon my sivy.
If any one can prove it false
Us'll stand a pint of Tivvy.

And if there bean't no Tivvy left,
After that cat's extinction,
Then us'll take the Scotch express
To Bigbury or to Kingston.

H.P.

Girlie Wisdom

Women over 50 don't have babies because they would put them down and forget where they left them.

One of life's mysteries is how a 2-pound box of chocolates can make a woman gain 5lbs.

My mind not only wanders, it sometimes leaves completely.

The best way to forget your troubles is to wear tight shoes.

The nice part about living in a small town is that when you don't know what you are doing, someone else does.

The older you get, the tougher it is to lose weight because by then, your body and your fat are really good friends.

Just when I was getting used to yesterday, along came today.

Sometimes I think I understand everything, then I regain consciousness.

I gave up jogging for my health when my thighs kept rubbing together and setting fire to my knickers.

Every 7 minutes of every day, someone in an aerobics class pulls a hamstring.

Amazing! You hang something in your closet for a while and it shrinks 2 sizes!

Skinny people irritate me! Especially when they say things like..."You know, sometimes I forget to eat!"...Now I've forgotten my address, my mother's maiden name and my keys. But I have never forgotten to eat. You have to be a special kind of stupid to forget to eat!

A friend of mine confused her Valium with her birth control pills...she has 14 kids but doesn't really care.

I read this article that said the typical symptoms of stress are - eating too much; impulse buying and driving too fast. Are they kidding? That's my idea of a perfect day!

News from All Hallows

Harvest Festival Service

This year's Harvest Festival Service, conducted by John Elliott, took place in the church which was decked out in abundance with flowers, foliage and produce. It really did make the church look beautiful and makes one appreciate even more what picturesque surroundings we are so fortunate to have all around us in this lovely part of Devon. Thank you to all of you that spent time and effort in making the church looking so lovely. Stan's traditional Pumpkins etched with "Harvest Festival" were placed proudly either side of the main door to intrigue villagers and visitors alike. The edible produce was distributed to the Korniloff Residential Care Home in Bigbury-on-sea for which they were most grateful. The Collection, taken during the service, was sent to "Tear Fund" who carry out Christian Action with the World's Poor.

Harvest Festival Lunch

The Parish Room was full for the Harvest Lunch held directly after the Service. Those attending were treated to a cold buffet followed by mouth watering deserts and coffee, all prepared and served by the Journeys End. The beautiful floral table decorations were made by Jean Barnes and added a real splash of colour to the proceedings, thank you Jean. It was lovely to see a couple of our local farmers, Dudley Hext & John Tucker, at the lunch in what has been quite a difficult year for the farming community. Thanks also go to Frank & Drina Williams and Jinny McCabe who spent a lot of time during the previous Wednesday cleaning the hall & kitchen to make it "spic & span". Finally thanks go to Gill Tomlin & Drina for organising such an enjoyable Harvest Lunch.

Annual Friends Gathering

This years Friends of All Hallows gathering will be held in the church on Saturday 20th October at 3.00pm. The event will highlight the results of the Quinquennial Inspection, carried out by our Architect Andrew Wood, which has only recently been received. During the interval we invite you to a complimentary glass of wine and nibbles. After the interval there will be a short presentation on Stained Glass Windows followed by an opportunity to look closely at the All Hallows stained glass windows. We invite you all to come along whether you are a member or not. Entrance is free to members and to anyone joining as a Friend during the afternoon's proceedings with a small charge of £2 being made for guests. I do hope you will be able to come to what I am sure will be a most interesting afternoon. Your support as a "Friend of All Hallows" will be most valued.

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POPPY APPEAL AUCTION!

Friday, October 26

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This Month

Oct 1 - 3

Paul & Jules in London for scan. **Pub will be closed!**

Oct 12-14

The October Beer Festival!



Starting at 7pm on the 12th. With Live music on the Friday and Saturday nights. Book your tables now though as it will be busy!

Oct 21

Trafalgar Day Lunch

Come by for a specially prepared **Sunday** lunch...marking Nelson's victory!



Oct 31

HALLOWEEN NIGHT!



Starting at 7pm...the JE with all of its spooks will be having a Halloween party. Come in costume or just as yourselves and bring the kids! A scary time will be had by all. We will have a 'special' menu and a competition for the best costume. So...come and have a great spooky time!

FROM THE JE DIARY:

Winter Hours Start

We will open on Tuesdays as of 6pm and then between 12-3 & 6 till close Wednesday through Sunday. So we will be closed on Mondays and in the AM on Tuesdays

God Speed Peter!

Paul and Juliet are going into London from the 1st to the 3rd to get a third scan of the new baby. So we are closed all day on those days. Sorry to all for this and I hope that you will understand...besides we will finally know the sex of the new baby...for those who want to know.

CHRISTMAS PARTIES...

We know its only October...but please see us if you wish to book or want to make any plans.

OCTOBER BEER FESTIVAL!

Will kick off on Friday 12 (@7 pm) through Sunday the 14th! We will have a range of different real ales on hand for you all to try and enjoy. So make your reservations now at for the nights of your choice. We will have live music...so come and have fun!

QUIZ NIGHTS

They will start once the clocks have changed. So the first will be held on the 1st of November. So come in and sign up for your chance at being Quiz Master! We need you to do it...otherwise... 'God bless America!'

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