

RINGMORE PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Well, we really are into the autumn now with the mornings becoming chilly and plenty of leaves in the lanes rather than on the trees! We are reminded of the flu jabs now available from the Modbury Health Centre (more details inside), the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal is starting this month, the Christmas Shoe Box Appeal has been taken over by Alison Wynne-Powell and warming soup and crumble lunches are available every month for the Tearfund. The Shelterbox Coffee Morning is hosted by Anna Antebi later this month and there are plenty of other things still to look forward to.

The Junior Ringmore page has not received any response so will be dropped.

The Town Quiz has proved to be fairly demanding this time round, but I'm sure there will be plenty of groans when you see the answers.

The Newsletter is sadly short of funds but the Parish Room Committee has generously donated part of the profits of the forthcoming P's & Q's to it. Teams of 6 have proved to be most practical, pasties and soup provided, but bring your own drinks for another enjoyable evening. Book your tickets with Alan McCarthy as soon as possible as space will be limited.

Welcome to David and Liz Williams who have recently moved into Higher Manor. We look forward to seeing them at village events.

Robbie McCarthy

It is with great sadness we heard of the deaths of two Ringmore residents last month. Our thoughts are with the families and friends of George Grimshaw and Peter Major. Both had taken an active part in village life for many years, and although Peter had left the village some time ago, he is fondly remembered by many.

DIARY FOR THE MONTH:

Monday: Short Mat Bowls 7.30pm (Parish Rooms)
Tuesday: Table Tennis (Parish Room) 7.30pm
OCTOBER

1 Oct - 7.30pm RBL Meeting (Royal Oak)
6 Oct: 12 pm Tearfund Lunch (WI Hall)
9 Oct: 7.30pm WI Meeting (WI Hall)
16 Oct: 1035am Shelterbox Coffee Morning
Cumberland Cottage
21 Oct: 7pm Parish Council Meeting (WI Hall)
24 Oct: 8.30pm RBL Auction (JE)
25 Oct: Poppy Appeal House to House Collections start

NOVEMBER

1 Nov: 6.45 for 7.30pm Poppy Appeal film show - St Ann's Chapel
5 Nov: 7.30pm RBL AGM & Meeting (JE)
8 Nov: 10am Poppy Appeal Coffee Morning - Korniloff
9 Nov: 1050 am Remembrance Service - Bigbury

Rainfall by Eleanor and Grace Purdy

Last month:	4 1/8"
10 year average:	2 1/8"
10 year high:	4 1/8" - 2008
10 year low:	1/2" - 2002

Mobile Library

Friday 3 & 17 October

St Ann's Chapel:	2.30 - 2.45
Ringmore:	2.50 - 3.10
Challaborough:	3.20 - 3.35
Kingston Fire Station:	4.00 - 4.30

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LOCAL CHURCH SERVICES IN OCTOBER

Date	Bigbury	Kingston	Ringmore
Oct 5 th	11.00 a.m. Family Service	9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer	11.00 a.m. Family Service
12 th	11.00 a.m. Family Service	11.00 a.m. Harvest Festival	9.00 a.m. CW Communion
19 th	9.00 a.m. BCP Communion	11.00 a.m. Family Service	6.00 p.m. Evening Prayer
26 th	11.00 a.m. Family Communion	6.00 p.m. Evening Prayer	9.00 a.m. BCP Communion
NOV 2 nd	11.00 a.m. Family Service	9.00 a.m. BCP Communion	11.00 a.m. All Saints Service of Commemoration

Care: Some Services last month were not always what I said in your newsletter or magazine. Sorry my fault, my anticipation of imported assistance proved optimistic. There are also amendments this month to the regular pattern. With many vacant Vicarages on our borders, and it has proved impossible to provide Priests for Communion Services to the regular timetable at times of holiday or duties elsewhere in the Anglican Church. If your regular worship demands a Communion please, see the copies of the Modbury Church Magnet Magazine in each Church for details of Communion at Aveton Gifford and Modbury.

TOO EARLY OR TOO LATE!

Three years ago we had our Harvest Festivals in October, and there was some suggestion that we were too late, as the final field crop of the year had been gathered in long before we celebrated. That experience and the Minister's September holiday brought this year's Harvest Festivals in Bigbury and Ringmore into September, and Kingston follows in early October. Well the Potato Harvest may have seen the fields ploughed, and some of the harvest scattered along the verges of our lanes, free food for the gleaners (we saw you!): but it was a little early for the wheat. Sorry to our friendly local farmers, I jumped the gun a bit with the weather giving you a tough time.

Perhaps we should do the Jewish thing and have three Harvest Festivals. Those chaps really knew how to find reasons to have a joyful time worshipping God, and their Ram roasts were frequent and extravagant. We would admit that their Pig Roasts were not a patch on John Tucker's! Pigs are after all non-kosher, and therefore the roasting of them for celebration was and is non-existent to a good Jewish family. They did however celebrate the first fruits in one festival, and the barley harvest in another. Wonder if that is the one that the local Pubs celebrate in their beer festivals.

At Bigbury there was a magnificent decoration of crab, scallop, mussel and cockle shells. Now that is a harvest after my own heart. The displays in both Churches were magnificent so thank you ladies in Bigbury and Ringmore. No doubt it is safe to thank the Kingston team in anticipation, for they always do a great job as well. Add to the good gifts of creation displayed the mushrooms and blackberries gathered from our fields and hedgerows and you have a feast to celebrate, although perhaps not on the same plate.

We see very different fruits, just as we are all very different people, but we are still the climax of God's creative power and love. Our Services over the few weeks and the coming month are challenging those who come to Church to exhibit the fruits of God's Holy Spirit, which are listed in Paul's letter to the Church in Galatia (chapter 5 and verse 22). So the challenge to a churchgoer near you is to show love, joy, peace, patience, kindness goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self control. In fact come along yourself as a worthy addition to the collective harvest, and see if you ripen and mellow without going mouldy.

John Elliott, Resident Minister

New Phone 830688

Archie Errett - Our Rover Correspondent

Bit cloudy today but master & mistress are packing up bags and thermos so we must be off out on one of our jaunts again-goody, goody! We set off driving through Modbury towards Plymouth (oh no, hope we're not going shopping!) phew that was close, at Yealmpton we turn off left and drive down to Noss Mayo, parking next to the tennis courts in the village.

Does take them a time to get their walking boots on but eventually they let me out and we turn left up the lane which soon turns into a rough track. Now as we make a steady climb passing houses and a farm on our right, plenty of new and interesting things to investigate here. Back on the lead as we cross the road into the NT Car park and down a grassy track to join the Coastal Path. The sun has come out and what fantastic views we get of the sea and countryside as we turn right onto the Coastal Path and head towards Plymouth. No sheep around so off the lead again which gives me the chance to chase rabbits who disappear down holes - they just don't play fair. Lots of Royal Naval ships rushing around at the entrance to Plymouth Sound and sailing boats scurrying about all over the sea as far as the horizon.

Spectacular views from here today as it is really clear. We can see the Eddystone Lighthouse really well on the horizon, wouldn't like to live there, despite loving a good swim. Looking past the Sound ones sees Mount Edgecumbe and the Cornish coastline disappearing into the distance. It is not surprising that Lord Revelstoke used fishermen in the winter months to build a driveway along here to allow his visitors to experience these lovely views as they were driven along in their carriages. We pass through some gates and past Warren Cottage, a really lovely house.

At Gara Point the Coastal Path turns to the right and downhill following the river Yealm as it makes its way into Newton Ferrers. We stop to watch the sailing boats make their way through a quite narrow stretch of deep water and navigate around a bar across the river. Down through Breakhill Plantation which gives us some pleasant shade from the hot sun. More lovely cottages on our right, they really do have lovely views of the mouth of the Yealm and out to sea. Nearly into Newton Ferrers now. Getting more built up now and we have to make the very difficult decision of which of the two pubs we are going to stop at; both have good outside areas which suits me.

After suitable refreshments we make our way back to car so that I can have a good old sleep during the journey home.

It is quite taxing taking notes during these walks & then having to write them out for humans to read. If any of my canine friends would like to write up one of their walks in future editions of the Parish Newsletter then I would look forward to reading and experiencing it.

Enjoy your walks around our lovely area.

BREAKING NEWS!

It has to be some kind of record! THREE broken ankles in our area in one week!

The first incident was on Monday 8th - Coastguards were called to Smuggler's Footpath where we discovered a lady with a broken ankle. The path was muddier than usual due to the unseasonal amount of rain. The lady was avoiding a puddle and stepped on to an area of grass at the side; this particular area of grass transpired to be the entrance to a rabbit run. The 61 year old lady who was on holiday from Worcestershire and staying at Park Dean, Challaborough had to be airlifted to Derriford by the Air Ambulance.

On Wednesday 10th we were again called to a suspected broken ankle down by the Avon. The casualty this time was on holiday from North London and again staying at Park Dean. The Air Ambulance was tasked and made an impressive landing against adverse wind conditions on John Tucker's helicopter landing site.

Thursday 11th was the day of the third incident. A gentleman staying at the Burgh Island hotel slipped on the footpath between Cockle Lane and Challaborough. The Air Ambulance again came to the rescue airlifting the casualty to Derriford.

For residence and holiday makers alike, accessibility is so often an issue when it comes to extracting a casualty from our beautiful area. What a wonderful asset the Air Ambulance is to us all!

October's Sudoku:

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Ringmore Parish Council Meeting Tuesday 23rd September 2008 WI Hall 7.00pm

Present: Chairman M.Hammond
Cllrs.E Bohnet J.Deverson B.Lambell S.Jones J.Parkin, Dtr.Cllr.B.Carson
Clerk M.Wood & 3 Members of the public

Apologies: Cllr.J.Reynolds

Declaration of Prejudicial Interests: Cllrs. Jones & Deverson

Open Session: The Chairman apologised for the meeting date in the Ringmore Parish Newsletter being changed. No else to report.

Minutes of The Last Meeting: Signed as correct.

Matters Arising:

Parish Roads – Cllr Jones reported that the request for some form of traffic calming in Challaborough will not now proceed. We are still waiting for Mr Oxted to visit regarding the road down to the Journeys End. Cllr Deverson will contact him again. He will also mention the potholes which have appeared along Rectory Lane.

Town Well – A quotation for £160 has been received from Ben Turner (Arborfor) for felling the sycamore tree on the Town Well. This was agreed by council and Mr Turner will be asked to prepare the TPO on our behalf.

J.E Gates – Still pending.

Boundary Commission:

The Chairman together with Cllrs.Lambell and Reynolds attended the Parish and Town Council Update Events at the Watermark Centre Ivybridge on the 16th September.

The presentation was given by Devon County Council on the Boundary Commission proposal for a single unitary council for Devon including Plymouth and Torbay. It was disappointing to note nobody from the Boundary Commission attended especially in the questions and answers session which raised many concerns about the proposal.

The three attendee's were in agreement that our small Parish would gain no benefits from such a proposal, therefore a letter has been sent with the full approval of the council to the Boundary Commission on the following basis -

“The Ringmore Parish Council objects to the Boundary Commissions proposals for Devon on two grounds.

Firstly on a point of democracy, by changing the present two tier system to a single unitary authority, a small Parish Council such as ours will lose its voice in local affairs. The suggestion to use Community Boards fails to address the problem. Parishes in Devon can consist of just a hundred people to many thousands of people, therefore suggesting that they can have equal status at such a gathering belittles our understanding.

Secondly, the projected financial savings we believe do not take into account all the costs of restructuring to provide services to the present standard over the whole of Devon. It has been said replacing the present two tier system by a single unitary authority will be achieved by establishing between five and seven tiers of bureaucracy.

Our conclusion therefore is that this will result in a poor level of service with no local understanding of rural needs.”

The Chairman also requested all those present to individually send their concerns to the Boundary Commission before the closing date of the 26th September..

The Defibrillator Team:

Total received from voluntary contributions and Devon County Council is £1825.00

Mrs.Sandy Hammond reported that delivery of the defibrillator will be towards the end of next week. The defibrillator will be sited behind the BT telephone box and Mr. Andy King has agreed to build a housing. Two things have to be looked into – one is insurance against vandalism and theft, the Clerk will look into whether parish council's insurance will cover this and if not how much will it add to the premium. A pager system is also being investigated

Cllrs. Jones and Parkin wished it to be recorded that they had no idea that a demonstration was being held, and once again Cllr Jones expressed concern that Challaborough was being left out. Mrs.Hammond apologised and will arrange for another demonstration at a later date. The only other outgoing cost will be a battery replacement after 4 years.

There is a very good demonstration of the defibrillator on the web, details of which will be placed in the Newsletter. It must be stressed that in the first instance of any emergency CPR must be used until the unit arrives at the scene.

Environmental Matters:

Cllr.Deverson reported that the National Trust will not finalise work on Tobys Point path until around Easter 2009 when they will also do some work on their carpark.

Lower Manor has been strimmed and all the ragwort in the parish has now been removed.

Cllr. Jones mentioned that the last section of the footpath from Cockle Lane to Parkdean site is in a dangerous state, also the fence posts are broken.

Cllr. Bohnet asked if someone could look at the wooden walkway in Darkie Lane which in heavy rainfall becomes flooded. The Chairman requested the footpath warden Cllr. Lambell to investigate.

Cllr. Deverson agreed to look at the stile in Aymer Cove which has had a board fixed across to stop sheep from wandering. He will liaise with the National Trust.

Neighbourhood Watch – List of co-ordinators still to be done.

Parish Plan: Approx. 22 parishioners have signed up to join the oil scheme. It may be possible to join with Modbury.

Planning:

Approval 40/1468/08/F extensions & alterations to The Lodge.

Application 40/1757/08/F alterations and extension to dwelling with agricultural tie Windwood Farm approved by Council.

Application 40/1664/08/F erection of fully glazed conservatory Ivy Cottage approved by Council

Finance: Clerk salary & expenses £275.70. John Reid grass cutting £116.00

Any Other Business:

Cllr. Lambell reported that a suggestion had been made to the British Legion to organise a childrens Christmas party, but this could not be done. Parish Council felt that there were not enough children in our parish to hold a party.

Cllr. Lambell had seen an article from another parish who had a general handy man carrying out various jobs/tasks and paid from their council funds. He suggested that we could do the same. The Chairman said that this could only be done if we identify areas which need attention. Cllr Carson said that areas mentioned might be able to be done by County or District Councils. Cllrs are to give this some thought for the next meeting.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY 21st OCTOBER.



September Meeting: The Citizens Advice Bureau

How much do you know about the work of the Citizens Advice Bureau? Emma Handley, the manager of the South Hams branch, based in Totnes, outlined the history and growth of this work, and gave us an insight into its operation.

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October meeting: Into Africa – Working with War Trauma

On Thursday 9th October at 8 pm we will welcome Rosemary Piercy, Ringmore resident and someone closely involved in the work of Flame International, an organization working in Africa with the victims of war trauma. It promises to be a most interesting meeting!

All are welcome (not just W.I. members); the business meeting for members precedes this at 7.30 pm.

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Harvest Festival at All Hallows

Harvest Festival Service

All Hallows was beautifully decked out with an abundance of flora and produce for the Harvest Festival service held on Sunday 14th September. It really did look a credit to all who spent the time, effort and thought into decorating the church so splendidly.

You may also be pleased to know that following the service all the produce was delivered to the Korniloff, at Bigbury on Sea, where it was very gratefully received.

Harvest Lunch

This year's Harvest Lunch was held in the Parish Room and followed the Harvest Festival service; it was a great success and enjoyed by one and all. The mouth watering buffet supplied by Paul & Jules from the Journey's End was fully appreciated by those attending and excellently served up by the two young ladies from the JE. I was pleasantly surprised on going round to the Parish Room to put up the tables on Saturday afternoon that Alan McCarthy had already done it, and also cleaned out the Hall, many thanks Alan. My thanks also go to Adrian & Judy Bull who laid out the Tables on Sunday morning, and also put out the lovely autumn floral table decorations made up and supplied by Jinny McCabe. Thanks also go to those who helped clear away and tidy up at the end of the lunch.

August Church Fete

A VERY BIG THANK YOU TO ALL who helped make this year's Fete such an enjoyable event. The day surpassed all expectations and proved to be a lovely village afternoon in which Ringmore seems to specialise.

Despite all the hard work involved it was lovely to see so many smiling faces among the large crowd enjoying the various stalls. It was especially good to see so many of the younger village children taking a very active part.

Our Church of All Hallows relies so much on the funds raised by the Fete and this year's tremendous effort **raised the outstanding sum of £2,964.25**. This is all down to you who put so much effort into making it a very successful and rewarding day.

Many, many thanks to you all on behalf of All Hallows

Phill Errett (Church Warden)

Enigma This Month

This month we have a code puzzle. Work out the quotation below:

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Last month

Three points to The Opals, The Springers, Beta Rabbit, Matchman and welcome back Romeo Drifter.

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What's On?

Tearfund Lunches

The Tearfund lunches are starting again on Monday 6 October from 12 - 2pm in the WI Hall, and every 1st Monday in the month during the winter. Do come and enjoy a soup and crumble lunch with your friends and neighbours and donate to a deserving cause.

Shelterbox

Come to an enjoyable coffee morning on Thursday 16 October at 1 Cumberland Cottage in aid of the Shelterbox charity. It starts at 1035 and entry includes a raffle ticket - so make sure you don't lose it. Shelterbox provide aid quickly to disaster areas and are based locally in the West Country. Visit their website for more details.



Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

Friday 24 Oct: 8.30pm Auction at the Journey's End Inn, Ringmore.

Sat 25 Oct: House to house collections start

Sat 1 Nov: 6.45 for 7.30pm 'Hope and Glory' at Bigbury Memorial Hall (see insert)

Sat 8 Nov: 1030am Coffee Morning at Korniloff

Sun 9 Nov: 0950 Remembrance Service at Bigbury

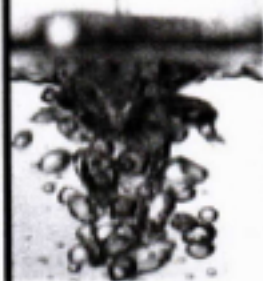
The annual auction of promises and useful items will be held in the JE on Fri 24 October at 8.30pm. Viewing starts at 6.00pm so why not come and have a meal before the auction start. As usual we are pleased to receive useful items or pledges for the auction as variety sometimes opens wallets and purses. To arrange delivery or collection of items please contact Alan McCarthy on 01548 810738. 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.

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Quote of the Month

Winning may not be everything, but losing has little to recommend it.

- Senator Dianne Feinstein

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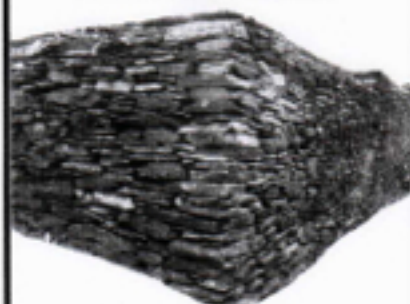
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THERE'S NO BEATING OUR TEAM

Well, we are on the verge of having our own defibrillator! I was hoping this 'update' would hold more answers but Ian Knight of the South West Ambulance Authority has had a critical illness in his family and is not due back in the office till Monday. I am awaiting an answer on the contact/pager system we might use and an actual date for the delivery of our defibrillator.

Following the Parish Council Meeting of 23rd, Margaret Wood was pleased to announce that we have in excess of £1,800 in the Defibrillator Fund so far. Margaret has been instrumental in securing £600 from the County Council funds and I would like to thank her for her efforts.

Thanks also to Bob (Margaret's husband) for the theft insurance solution; another problem solved!

Following my report in the August Parish Newsletter I was contacted by a few people expressing an interest in attending the initial first aid session. This took place in the WI Hall (thanks very much for the kind use of!) on August 28th. The following people are now up to date with CPR and have been instructed on the use of the Defibrillator: Jane Reynolds, Mike and Jane Pitt, Barry Old, Pat King, Alan McCarthy, Emily Bohnet, Andi King, Juliet Riva, Karen Purdy, Richard Baker, Alan Eaves, David King, Debbie Mercy, David Knight, Billy Hammond and I. It is my greatest wish that everyone possible residing in our Parish will have the opportunity to attend a first aid course covering CPR. I would like to hold sessions of about 15 to 20 people max. Please would everyone wanting to attend a course (lasting 2 hours max) contact me to enable me to organise these sessions - and I'm really hoping that everyone in the Parish will be proficient in CPR as soon as possible.

The defibrillator itself is very easy to use. The following is a web site that those of you with computers will be able to log onto and connect to a short DVD demonstrating how to operate the AED (this is an American production so please remember 999 in the UK)

www.powerheart.com/products/phaed_g3_demo.htm

Those of you who do not have a computer; I'm sure you know someone who does and who would be willing to run it for you. Any problems, please contact me.

Following approaches made by Bryan Carson to Torr Homes regarding the siting of the Defibrillator I will be meeting with Ms. Bowtle from Torr Homes on Monday. Thank you Bryon for paving the way. Thanks also to Andi King for offering to build the shelter for the Defibrillator.

Finally, thank you to everyone who has put effort, enthusiasm, time and money into this project. What a team effort!

Sandy (01548 810572)

THE RINGMORE KITE

Three eminent men in Ringmore flew a kite up into the sky and let go the string suggesting that four other Ringmorons might like to gather the string and inspect the kite. I took the initiative and found that when I pulled the kite down it contained an "idea". When our beloved Alice, now happily settled in a new home, unfortunately had to leave Ringmore, Elmsleigh would be put on the market and the "idea" was to build an all purpose new hall for the Parish in the centre of the village using the one off opportunity of an extension of the WI site onto the Elmsleigh site. The new hall would take the place of the two present halls both of which have inadequacies for their purposes. Ignoring the obvious mountains that needed climbing to achieve this the now Group of Three, reduced when one resigned not being in favour of the idea, investigated the opportunities and problems, including approaching the relevant land owners who would need to be involved to obtain access and car parking for the new hall. The Group of Three having explored the right avenues and given proper consideration to the practicalities came to the conclusion that there was insufficient time available to overcome the considerable difficulties in persuading reluctant vendors and providing the necessary funds at the right time to meet the presumed brief for the new hall. Instead of a kite closer inspection it turned out to be a mere "Pie in the Sky"!

The King of the Group has not given up hope and is exploring other possible sites but in the meantime all efforts need to be made to maintain and improve our existing community facilities including in particular support for Alan McCarthy for the work to the Parish Room.

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A Report from the Rural Dean after his Visit to All Hallows

Nineteenth May 1878

In addition to the orders of last year (which have not been executed)..... Napkin for Communion coarse and much worn. Surplices in very bad condition. Altar cloth only ten or twelve years old is moth eaten and quite unfit for use. Flooring at altar unsound. Dry rot in parsonage pew. Pavement before Reading Desk unsound. Some slates loose in Chancel roof. Walks to be cleaned.

From: The All Hallows Visitation Book

(Ringmore Historical Society)

Flu and You

A message from Madbury Health Centre

Are you in the following 'at risk' groups?

Over 65? Have respiratory disease? Have heart disease? Have kidney disease? Have liver disease? Have diabetes? Have a history of stroke, or transient ischaemic attack (TIA), Multiple Sclerosis (MS) or some disease of the central nervous system? Have a weak immune system?

If you fall into any of these groups call the Health Centre on 01548 830555 after 10am from 29 September to join the flu queue.

Town Quiz

The winner of this year's quiz is Archie Errett. He topped the list with an amazing 48 points. Phill and Sally Errett had 45, James & Gillian Parkin 42. The next score was 40, then 38, 36, 32 with a very worthy 30 bringing up the rear. In spite of interesting discussions about the tortuous logic used to arrive at some of the answers, the Editor's word is final. Grampond was a very good alternative to Featherstone as was Airton, both of which were allowed. Nuneaton was an alternative to the MacDonalds question but not allowed on this occasion. Many thanks to everyone who bought a quiz, to Geof for providing many hours of entertainment and to the anonymous and generous donation of the prize money.

Ed

P's & Q's Question

Who said 'An archaeologist is the best husband any woman can have - the older she gets the more interested he is in her?'

Over the past few years many of you have supported Operation Christmas Child - an International Charity run by Samaritan's Purse. Since 1990 they have sent 60 million shoe boxes filled with presents to children in hospitals, orphanages, displacement camps, homeless shelters and impoverished neighbourhoods around the world. In recent times Jane Guy has co-ordinated the sending of a large number of boxes from the village, I am stepping into her shoes and hope that we can again generously support the appeal.

There will be further details about the collection of the boxes in the November Newsletter.

You can help by starting to collect shoe boxes (the type with a separate lid is best) and small items that will fit in the box. Below are some suggestions given by Operation Christmas Child.

All items should be new; please include items from each category. Please remember to make your box both FUN and EDUCATIONAL!

Alison Wynne-Powell

Further details of this very worthy cause will be included in the next edition - I have sadly run out of space in this one. Please contact Alison direct for further details in the meantime.

Ed

Royal British Legion

Many thanks to Mike Wynne-Powell for sharing his wonderful photographs of the Lord High Admiral's Divisions attended by HM The Queen earlier this year at Britannia Royal Naval College, at the last RBL meeting. The photos were enjoyed by members and many guests. He also showed a very poignant piece of Andrew Motion reading his own poem dedicated to Harry Patch, the last survivor of WW I. It was followed by a light hearted piece of all of his photos of HM The Queen to the accompaniment of some music. We are very grateful to Mike for spending so much time and effort on producing a wonderful entertainment. One of Mike's beautiful photos will be available at the auction on 24 October this year.

Robbie McCarthy - Hon Secretary

Flashing lights at Ringmore Veau

No, little green men didn't visit pay us a visit in the middle of the night. Many of you will probably already know that we recently had a fire in our kitchen at Ringmore Veau. For those of you who haven't heard I thought I would recall the story and pass on some good advice from the local fire crews.

Are you sitting comfortably, then I will begin....

It was around 3am on Friday 5th September, we were all sleeping deeply when Eleanor came into the room and asked us what the noise was, gathering our thoughts quickly we realised that we could hear one of the smoke alarms. Steve hurried downstairs while I gathered us all together. He shouted up the stairs that there was smoke pouring out of one of the cables in the kitchen and for us all to get dressed and get ready to get out. The cable was the 60 amp one which feeds power to the pool shed to heat the water in the pool overnight. Steve ran down to the pool shed to switch off there and stop the loading while I got the fire extinguisher ready. Switching off the power did not stop the smoke and very soon after flames appeared. A quick blast of the fire extinguisher put out the flames but we were still very concerned and I insisted we phone the fire brigade.

Switching off the power had rendered all our cordless phones useless and so the girls and I ran over to the Kings to raise the alarm. Lucky for us Annie and Yogi heard me shouting and with a quick call from their phone the fire brigade were on their way. Yogi ran over to Steve to see if he needed any help and Annie put the kettle on.

Plenty of sweet coffee and a few Swiss chocolates later and the girls and I returned from Annie and Yogis to the house to find the fire response vehicle and two fire engines, one from Modbury and one from Kingston outside our house all with blue lights flashing – quite a sight.

The kitchen was full of firemen (every womans dream) and they were busy tidying up the mess made by the fire extinguisher while waiting for Western Power to come and disconnect the cable from the main supply. Many cups of tea were made that night (21 to be precise) and we all had a sleepless night. There was quite a lot of cleaning up to do the next day, but we were all safe with no significant amount of damage to the kitchen.

The firemen were full of praise, firstly to Eleanor for raising the alarm in such a calm way and secondly to us for having smoke alarms fitted and having a fire extinguisher in the kitchen. I don't think our lives were ever in danger, but the damage would have been a lot worse if the smoke alarm hadn't alerted us to the problem.

So now for the good advice:

If you have smoke alarms fitted, have you checked them recently to make sure they work.

If you haven't got smoke alarms fitted, WHY NOT! Devon & Somerset Fire and Rescue Service offer FREE home safety visits. Call them on FREEPHONE 0800 7311822.

It is also worth thinking about installing a fire blanket and/or a fire extinguisher in your house, as this definitely helped us to limit the damage.

Do not leave electrical items on standby, keep boilers well maintained and establish a bedtime routine to check everything is switched off before you go to bed.

And finally, if you have an old basic telephone lying around in a cupboard somewhere having been replaced by nice shiny cordless ones, dig it back out and plug it into a spare socket. It isn't dependant on electricity and in the case of a fire or a power cut, it will still work and enable you to contact the outside world.

Karen Purdy



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RSPCA Stories from Sean Jones

One night in November I was lying in bed reading and heard a sound which was not familiar. Sharon, my wife, could not hear it but I could not rest and decided to venture outside to investigate. It was a strange, watery, struggling high pitched noise which led me to look under my neighbour's car. My cat Billy was also disturbed by this sound and sat under this car sniffing at a drain cover.

With torch in hand I crawled underneath and was able to confirm the noise was coming from a manhole cover. We lived very close to the banks of a canal in Womborne near Wolverhampton with a great deal of wildlife.

I persuaded Sharon to join me and we knocked on our neighbour's door to explain the situation. He willingly moved his car and together we lifted the manhole cover. To our horror we found a young badger trapped in the storm drain frantically treading water for his life.

Using a grasper we managed to haul him out and I rushed an exhausted and very wet young badger to the local wildlife vet. Unfortunately as this was late at night, veterinary treatment was limited and while the initial care was excellent the overnight treatment was insufficient to save his life.

This was very sad for me but I was comforted by the fact I personally did everything I could to save him.

The second part of the badger story hopefully highlights to people the dangers of handling wild animals. I love badgers and often follow 'Mr Badger' down the road to Challaborough on my walk home from work. Please bear in mind that they are not as cuddly as they may seem!

One night I ^{had} have an emergency call out to a man in Alsager, north of Stoke, which was an hours drive from my home. A member of the public had picked up a badger who was unconscious at the side of the road. He had picked him up and put him on the back seat of his car.

I phoned to advise how long it would take me and to get more details. He said that the badger was beginning to stir. At this point, I told him that he should get out of the car, secure it and leave well alone.

When I arrived the badger was fully alert, charging frantically around the car with a petrified owner looking on. Luckily he had taken my advice, quite rare with the general public sadly, although reluctantly as the badger had originally appeared 'calm, friendly and totally out of it'.

He asked me what I was going to do. I told him to step back and watch!! I opened the car door hoping the badger would just escape and run. Luckily, he did! Something had obviously caused him to be unconscious but he appeared to run off OK, so on this occasion, I just let him go. The damage to the car was extremely bad. Any attempt to restrain or capture him would have been disastrous, probably to me and the badger.

Respect wild animals because that is what they are.



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PS.

Following the Parish Council Meeting of 23rd September; Councillors Sean Jones and James Parkin were unhappy they did not know the date of the initial first aid session. I would like to refer the Councillors to the article I wrote for the August edition of the Ringmore Parish Newsletter. The Newsletter is an excellent way of keeping the body of people in our Parish connected; a real positive pulse! Don't lose heart though, Councillors - more courses to come! Sandy Hammond

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2 Put in to rule here in Scotland	Moscow	27 Stop blowing	Haltwhistle
3 A lady possessed in Hampshire Abbey	Abbotts Ann	28 Appear sounds in place when end on in Portsea Island resort	Southend on Sea
4 Schwarzenegger by another name	Arnold	29 Daniel Potter. No! What was his name?	Radcliffe
5 This US state is in a state	California Cross	30 Where the end seems heavier than the beginning	Featherstone
6 Beseech the monarch to stop	Woking	31 This detective loses a point	Marlow
7 Looks almost like a friend of The Netherlands in Scotland	Duchally	32 Continued to jump over twirling rope	Skipton
8 Where Ted kept his sheep	Heathfield	33 Footballer who became Archbishop of Canterbury	Ramsey
9 Pete's partner's full nomenclature	Dudley	34 Wins seat against sitting MP	Gainsborough
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11 'Yes Dear. How high?'	Jump	36 Ne'er-do-well in Durham	Crook
12 Sounds like a dull place - no reds, no blues, no yellows, just . . .	Grays	37 Sounds like a caution	Watchet
13 Presumably the MacDonaldis do not venture here	Campbelltown	38 Sounds like the medium of communication for the Tin Man	Teignmouth
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15 Chrithtopher Robin'th nanny	Ayth	40 Technical Cornish nerd with a point	Gweek
16 British Airways drinking vessel	Bacup	41 These vacs are deserving	Holsworthy
17 Ron messed about with a bag in Wales	Bangor	42 Sounds as though you might find little Rebecca on top of this	Bexhill
18 Teddy retired to Norfolk from Colchester	Sheringham	43 Sounds like a negative part of Wales	Neyland
19 Is this where George cleaned windows?	Formby	44 Where male offspring gets flatulence	Swindon
20 Poet bucks the trend and gets ahead of the economist	Milton Keynes	45 Sounds like a future home in London for Prince William.	Willesden
21 Aussie tennis player gets the bird	Leighton Buzzard	46 There is only one member of the falcon family in this wood	Hawkhurst
22 University professor in the pink	Huntingdon	47 Definitely Scotland, not Dakota	Blackhills
23 Store in open country	Stow on the Wold	48 The Cardinals' boss in Wales	Holyhead
24 This place is as solid as its more famous namesake	Gibraltar	49 Did this boy play in Buckinghamshire?	Winslow
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