

# RINGMORE

## PARISH NEWSLETTER

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*Yet another bumper issue this month. There is so much going on at the moment. There are thank you's, good byes and plenty happening inside. We can look forward to the now annual events of the Poppy Appeal, the P's & Q's, Tear fund lunch, Historical Society AGM, Modbury Craft Fair, Carol singing, Running Group and much more before we start thinking about Christmas.*

*Yes, I know I got the time of the Remembrance Service wrong in last month's edition - it should of course be 1050 NOT 0950 as published.*

*We say au revoir - definitely not goodbye, to Hazel and George Freeman and Pam Denis-Noel who have moved out of the village to pastures new, but not a million miles from here. More from Hazel inside.*

*There is an extract from the 8th Devonshire Regiment's War Diary inside in this month of Remembrance. I have the full copy if anyone would like to see it in its entirety.*

*Please let me have your Christmas Greetings for inclusion in the December edition as soon as possible. I have a selection of Christmas cards from Judith Woodings designs for sale.*

*The Goup Oil Scheme is ready to go - see the message from John Reynolds inside.*

*Next year the Parish Newsletter will have to tighten it's belt to make ends meet. As this is a vehicle for all the community, donations and fund raising would be greatly appreciated to ensure the Newsletter continues to support the whole parish.*

*Robbie McCarthy*

### DIARY FOR THE MONTH:

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

### NOVEMBER

1 Nov: 6.45 for 7.30pm Poppy Appeal film show - St Ann's Chapel  
3 Nov: 12 Noon Tearfund Lunch - WI Hall  
5 Nov: 7.30pm RBL AGM & Meeting (JE)  
8 Nov: 10am Poppy Appeal Coffee Morning - Korniloff  
9 Nov: 1050 am Remembrance Service - Bigbury  
12 Nov: 7.30pm Historical Society AGM - WI Hall  
12 Nov: 7.30pm Carol Singing - Barnford  
13 Nov: 7.30pm WI Annual Meeting - WI Hall  
18 Nov: 7pm Parish Council Meeting  
22 Nov: 7.30pm P's & Q's Parish Room  
29 Nov: 10am All Hallows cleaning  
DECEMBER  
3 Dec: 7.30pm RBL Meeting Old Chapel Inn  
24 Dec: Carols on the Green Bigbury

### Rainfall by Eleanor and Grace Purdy

Last month:	3 1/2"
10 year average:	4"
10 year high:	7" - 2006
10 year low:	1 1/2" - 2007

### Mobile Library

Friday 14 & 28 Nov

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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*Items for inclusion can be sent via email or left in the post box outside the gates.*

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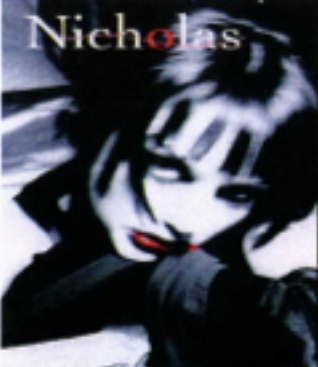
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## LOCAL CHURCH SERVICES IN NOVEMBER

Date	Bigbury	Kingston	Ringmore
Nov 2 <sup>nd</sup>	11.00 a.m. Family Service	9.00 a.m. BCP Communion	11.00 a.m. All Saints Service of Commemoration
9 <sup>th</sup>	10.50 a.m. Remembrance Day Service	6.00 p.m. Evening Prayer	9.00 a.m. BCP Communion
16 <sup>th</sup>	9.00 a.m. CW Communion	11.00 a.m. Family Service	6.00 p.m. Evening Prayer
23 <sup>rd</sup>	11.00 a.m. Family Communion	6.00 p.m. Spoken Compline	9.00 a.m. BCP Communion

**NOVEMBER 30<sup>TH</sup>: NOT BIGBURY, KINGSTON & RINGMORE  
BUT A VERY SPECIAL SERVICE WITH THE BISHOP OF PLYMOUTH  
11.00 A.M. AT AVETON GIFFORD  
TEAM ADVENT SERVICE**

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**WHAT IS COMMUNION?**

Elsewhere, in the Ringmore Village Newsletter, appears the excellent eulogy for George Grimshaw given by his eldest son, Richard, at his father's funeral on September 8<sup>th</sup>. George was a highly respected character, not just in the village but in the wider Christian Community. This was the first time I had conducted a funeral with a Priest from the Russian Orthodox Church assisting, and a Church of England Bishop in the congregation. My own tribute to this excellent man would be briefer for I only knew George for six years, but it would also have been full of affection and respect. His was the first letter we received as we moved into Church House, and he welcomed us into the community.

'Community' is an interesting word, a contraction of 'common unity'. We all walk, work, rest and play in a variety of communities. Gone are the days when rural villages contained people who were born, raised, schooled, employed, married and buried in the one community. There are different folks in each of the villages sharing different items of 'common unity', from bell ringing to table tennis, from fishing to golf and from historical society to a particular night and time in the local pub. The Church can be one such community, and it takes that element of common unity into a different and deeper word - communion.

Communion is joined by another presence, that of God himself. Every time it is celebrated the words that Jesus said are spoken, "do this in remembrance of me". We are reminded that this was said to his disciples, all of them, not just a few. George Grimshaw had a very strong view of what Communion should be: he said a firm 'No thank you' to sick bed communion in isolation. He also very much regretted that he had, at times, to make do with a mid week afternoon celebration with a small handful of believers rather than the whole of the gathered church. It was a joy to take communion in his home with a proper congregation, all his family and Carers who were present on the given days.

As a group of Churches we have been offering two monthly mid-week Communion to restricted parts of our Communities, albeit all have been invited to attend. On the first Wednesday of each month at 2.30 in the Korniloff is one geared for the Residents who cannot get to Church, and there was another in Ringmore Church for those who through age or infirmity could not, in Stanley Holloway's song lyric, get to the Church on time for the usual Sunday Service. The first of these was, and is, usually very well attended: the second had sadly declined, despite an excellent lift and refreshment facility provided by Michael & Jackie Tagent. Moves from the village, and translation to a higher place (we hope) being the main reasons, as a result it has been cancelled in the hope that the Church community can exhibit caring unity in a better way.

Our Bishop has authorized numerous Lay Ministers who assist with the Communion in each Parish Church. He was very clear in his letter of permission, and added in bold print after 'to assist in the Church' **"and to take communion after the Service to those who are housebound and sick"**. By this means everyone can be visited, and by the hand extended, become part of the whole communion. If you are unable to get a lift from a churchgoing friend you might want to ask those in your community who are so authorised (Residents of Ringmore: Adrian & Judy Bull, Christopher & Rosemary Piercy, Yvonne Sheppard, Michael Tagent, Gill Tomlin, Mike Wynne-Powell). Any of them could bring you communion after the Communion Service listed in your Parish in the Magazine or Newsletters. Alternatively there is the Thursday Communion, every week except 1<sup>st</sup> of month at St. Georges, Modbury 9.30 a.m., and I am always prepared to offer home communion, but like George I prefer the community gathered, or going out, option.

## Thank You's

### *Shelterbox Coffee Morning*

Dear Ringmore,

This is to say a big 'thank you' on behalf of Shelterbox for your great generosity at the Coffee Morning.

It didn't end there - little pecuniary messages came through the letterbox - for days after the event.

Thank you, too, to all the helpers and bakers who contributed.

Good on yer!

Anna

PS It was quite fun too!?

Hazel and George would like to thank everyone who helped move things into their new home. Especially Jim & Ella, Trisha, Natalie, Alan for helping with heavy oak furniture and especially Dudley and Adrian, amazing how much you can fit in a horsebox! And as for all my plants, Terry Edgecombe moved 6 van loads! Well I'm known for my love of gardening. We'll still be around the village, so Ringmore hasn't got rid of us yet!

Hazel Freeman



Freeman & Hext Removals - a right Devon trio!

### **SHOCKING!** (We can now if need be)

I am delighted to say we now have our very own Parish Defibrillator! Andy and Emily have very kindly allowed it to be fixed to their house wall until Mr. Carson can confirm whether or not we require planning permission for behind the BT Telephone box.

There will be a list of names and telephone numbers to be issued with this news letter. It would be a very good idea if everyone kept the list by their telephone in order to provide trained 'back up' following a 999 call. I must stress again that in the event of a medical emergency 999 must be the first call.

I will be giving a first aid training session at the WI Hall on November 19<sup>th</sup>. Twenty people are a good number to train at one session. If you would like to attend please phone Emily (I will be away now until 9<sup>th</sup> November). The session will last approximately 2 hours and starts at 7.30pm.

Thanks to the suggestion from Annie King to approach the South Hams Radio Trust for a contribution to the defibrillator fund, we are in receipt of a cheque for £200! I would like to thank the Trustees and Mr. Graham Gilbert, the Secretary to the Trust, for their most generous contribution.

If anyone would like any further information on any of the defibrillator aspects or first aid advice, please feel free to phone me on 810572.

Thank you everyone and well done!

Sandy

### **Oil Group Scheme - ready to go!**

The Ringmore Group Oil Purchasing Scheme is now set up and ready to commence. To facilitate this, John Reynolds will be circulating details of the scheme, to be operated by Watson Fuels, plus a Customer Details pro forma which should be completed and returned to John for collation prior to onward forwarding to Watsons. Once customers have been registered by Watsons, it will be possible to plan the first group delivery, so please respond with your details ASAP. These information packs are being distributed currently. Any further parishioners wishing to join the scheme can contact John on 01548 811218, or Watson Fuels on 01803 862950

RINGMORE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER 2008 WI HALL 7.00PM

PRESENT Chairman M.Hammond  
Cllrs. E.Bohnet J. Deverson B.Lambell J.Parkin J.Reynolds  
Dist.Cllr.B.Carson  
Clerk M Wood  
8 Members of the public

APOLOGIES Cllr.S.Jones

DECLARATION OF PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS  
M.Hammond

OPEN SESSION – Nothing to report

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The minutes of the September Meeting were signed as a true and correct record.

MATTERS ARISING

Parish Roads – Still pending.

JE Gates – The proposal to fence the gap in the JE car park and install a gate is still ongoing. However the freeholders are reluctant to contribute towards this. The Chairman and Clerk will compose a letter from the council asking for support to tidy this area of the parish.

Parish Handyman – Cllrs. Still need to define areas which need attention. It was suggested that local contractors might be asked to quote for doing various jobs.

After further discussion it was agreed that Cllrs. And volunteers would meet on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November to tackle some of the areas most affected, with the landowner's permission. A note will be placed in the newsletter.

BOUNDARY COMMISSION

This matter is in abeyance until the report is issued in late December.

DEFIBRILLATOR TEAM

Mrs.Hammond reported that the defibrillator is here and will be temporarily fitted to Mr Andi King's house, until Mr.Carson confirms whether planning permission is required.

If the defibrillator is removed from its housing there will be a loud flashing alarm.

A first aid course has been organised for 19<sup>th</sup> Nov. with a maximum of 20 persons.

A list of telephone numbers will be given to South West Ambulance Authority, also phone numbers will be placed alongside the defibrillator.

A further cheque has been received for £200 from South Hams Radio Trust.

The Clerk reported that Allianz Insurance have agreed to insure the defibrillator whilst it is locked and stored in the housing. This will add £16 to council's premium. However they will not provide cover when it is in transit or use.

ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

Trees Ref 40/185/08/TCA Trewarne approved.

Ref 40/1854/08/TCA Ringmore Vean. Council agreed to support this application. The owners of the property have stated that they will plant an apple orchard where trees have been felled. Mrs.Purdy was concerned that a tree specialist from Totnes was in her garden without prior notice. Cllr.Carson will investigate and report.

Cllr.Deverson confirmed that the Town Well tree situation was now being handled by Ben Turner.

Footpaths – Cllr. Lambell reported on the footpath at the lower end of Cockle Lane stating that this was very dangerous and needed a lot of work.

Darkie Lane footpath was discussed and this too is in very poor condition which is causing flood into the garden of Ringmore Vean. It was agreed that Cllr.Deverson will contact the Area Footpath Warden as a matter of urgency.

Cllr.Carson reported on the St.Anns Chapel to Ringmore footpath improvement and will be meeting Mr.Pearson on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October.

Neighbourhood Watch – Nothing to report

#### PARISH PLAN

AONB have requested a copy of our parish plan, Cllr.Bohnet will send.  
Cllr.Reynolds explained in detail his proposed bulk oil purchase scheme. A total of 27 parishioners have shown interest. After discussions with four fuel suppliers Watson's came out with the best deal. He will circulate details to those who wish to join the scheme and will also include this in the newsletter in case anyone else wishes to take part.

PLANNING – Nothing to report.

FINANCE – Cheque agreed and signed external audit costs £105.75

#### PARISH NEWSLETTER

The Chairman, after reading through previous paperwork regarding the newsletter, drafted a Code of Practice which he asked for approval. After discussion the following was proposed by Cllr.Deverson and seconded by Cllr.Lambell.

- The Parish Council owns the Parish Newsletter and appoints the Editor
- The Parish Council is not responsible for the editorial content nor gives its approval for any product or services offered.
- It should be self funding to an agreed budget
- A yearly detailed balance sheet is to be produced for Parish Council appraisal.
- Parish Council minutes will be a maximum of two pages paid at the editorial rate
- The number of copies produced will include those who, although might live outside the Parish boundaries, are still involved in Parish affairs.
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The Newsletter Editor Mrs.McCarthy produced a statement of the newsletter situation since taking over three months ago which detailed finances, printing costs and plans for pre-printing a total of 2000 master head covers which would be enough for a full year. Her suggestions to help finances are –

- Reduce the number of pages per edition
- Increase the cost of advertising within sensible limits
- Pre-print the colour pages which will reduce the cost of each edition
- Reduce the number of free copies given to people outside the Parish or request a donation of £18 per year
- Try more fund raising
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Mrs.McCarthy requested that the Parish Council loan £400 on an interest free basis, to be paid back as and when possible. Cllrs. Discussed this subject with the Chairman pointing out that as it was tax payers' money they would not be allowed to do this. Council agreed to give the Newsletter a donation of £200 to produce copies until the end of the year when a financial budget will be produced by the Editor. The Newsletter as from January 2009 will be produced in black and white unless the advertisers colour revenue equals the colour printing costs.

Cllr. Parkin requested that articles produced in the Newsletter must have the contributors name printed. The Editor accepted this and undertook to publish the 'Kite Runner' contributors name(s) in the next months' edition.

INVEST IN DEVON CHALLENGE – too late to meet the deadline.

#### ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr.Bohnet reported on a vehicle parked on the corner of the road down to Lower Manor Farm blocking emergency access and deliveries. The owner of the vehicle will be politely asked not to park in the place anymore. It was felt that this is not a council matter, but should be reported to the police.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING 18<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER



## Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Appeal

Thank you for the generous donations and offers of help I have received so far. Boxes will be sent from Ringmore in the week beginning **10<sup>th</sup> November**, so there is still time to support the appeal by providing any of the following:-

**Empty shoe boxes** (type with a separate lid, 18x30x13cm) and rolls of wrapping paper

**Covered and filled boxes** suitable for boy/girl in age groups 2-4/5-9/10-14

**Separate items** to go towards filling a box for any of the above age groups

**Money** to cover distribution costs (£2.50 has to be included in each completed box) or for buying items to complete boxes

**Help** in packing boxes on **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> November at 2pm** in the WI Hall.

Contributions can be delivered to me at any time or brought to the WI Hall **9.30am – 12 noon on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> November**. Alternatively please ring me on 810407, if you would like me to collect.

The following information from Operation Christmas Child might be of help when filling the shoe box.

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

✓**TOYS** - something to love Bear, soft toy, tennis ball, finger puppet, jigsaw, yo-yo, building blocks, small musical instrument, (for boys – trucks and cars, for girls – doll, clip-on earrings, make-up or hair accessories) etc.

✓**EDUCATIONAL SUPPLIES** – something to do. Felt pens, pens, pencils, pencil sharpener, rubber, colouring book, notepad, picture/puzzle book, chalk, pencil case, stickers etc.

✓**HYGIENE ITEMS** – something to use Toothbrush, toothpaste, hairbrush, comb, hair clips, bar of wrapped soap, flannel etc.

✓**OTHER ITEMS** – something to eat or wear Sweets (sell-by date to be at least March of following year), gloves, scarf, sunglasses, cap, hat, bangles, necklaces etc.

### **DO NOT INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:**

✗ **FOOD** Chocolate, crisps, biscuits, tinned food or cakes (or any other food)

✗ **MEDICINE** Medicines or vitamins of any kind

✗ **WAR RELATED ITEMS** toy guns, soldiers or knives

✗ **CLOTHING** (other than listed above)

✗ **FRAGILE ITEMS** Glass containers; mirrors

✗ **LIQUIDS** of any kind including blow bubbles, shampoo, bubble bath, toiletry sets or aerosols

✗ **DANGEROUS ITEMS** Marbles or sharp objects – scissors or razors

✗ **NOVELS**

✗ **ANYTHING OF A POLITICAL OR RACIAL NATURE**

with thanks – Alison Wynne-Powell

## GEORGE CECIL GRIMSHAW M.B.E

8 September 1910 – 29 August 2008

We say goodbye to George Grimshaw and place him with his much loved wife Nancy. They will lie together in the earth of Ringmore that they loved so much.

George and Nancy came to Ringmore 26 years ago, made friends, and served and supported the village and its community. They loved the village and the people who lived in it.

Their home at Middle Manor was also a second home and port of call to George's large family of children, grandchildren and great grandchildren; above all George was a family man, loving all his family.

George was born in India 98 years ago, his father was killed at Gallipoli in 1915. He was brought up by his young mother in the pretty and close knit village of Dunsfold, Surrey. There, together with his brothers Tommy and David he learned to love the countryside and from his mother to love gardens.

George was a great sportsman excelling at rugby, hockey, athletics, sailing or whatever came to hand. After leaving Wellington College (where he was head boy and captain of most of the sports teams) he joined the Royal Military College Woolwich where he learned to become a gunner. He was awarded the Sword of Honour, and was commissioned into the Royal Horse Artillery as a second Lieutenant.

In 1932 he went to India with his first wife Barbara (who sadly died there) patrolling the northern frontier, playing polo, hunting wild boar from horseback, fishing in the mountains and enjoying that great country.

He returned to England, married Barbara's sister Nancy, and went to war first as a staff officer in the Abyssinian campaign, and later as commanding officer of the 304 East African Anti Tank Regiment in India. He was awarded an M.B.E for his war time services.

After the war he retired from the army, and was invited to East Africa as Regional Secretary of the Church Missionary Society. He brought his family up in Kenya and initiated changes in the church hierarchy that resulted in an African managed church administration. He loved picnics, and always found lovely places to rest and eat. Almost every birthday saw a memorable picnic on Kenya's lovely Ngong Hills, blackberrying in Surrey or on the moors of Dartmoor.

He brought his family back to England in 1960, living first near Guildford, commuting to London as the CMS Overseas Secretary with special responsibility for overseas students living in Britain. On retirement he moved to Stoke Gabriel where he was Commodore of the sailing club, teaching practically every child in the village to sail. Twelve years later he moved to Middle Manor where he will now be forever.

Throughout his adult life George was a strong and steadfast Christian, maintaining strong beliefs in family values and personal discipline. He was indeed the much loved and respected patriarch of an ever-growing Grimshaw clan. He always was a great listener, prepared to discuss and debate any subject. Although we did not always share his views we respected him. At times he seemed rather a stern father and friend, but underneath he never failed to support and love his family and friends. He always gave good advice and showed great interest and pride in all the family achievements.

In Ringmore he was Church Warden, Chairman of the Parish Council, and Chairman of the Historical Society. He was also village Church bell ringer, a task that he relished.

In the past four years George's life deteriorated physically, his legs gave out on him and he was irked by other problems that afflict the very old. Despite all this he lived a good life supported by his carers - Lorelee and more recently Joan. His spirit never flagged and he remained characteristically in control right to the end. He steadfastly refused to move. Rather he wanted to live the remaining days of his life in his bedroom over looking his beloved garden and the sea, where he could still pick out the sails of passing boats, where he could smell good fresh air, where his favourite robin could fly through the window and feed off his hand, where he could hear the barn clock strike the hour throughout the night and the bells of the church, where he could hear the chuckling of the pheasants and the barking of the badgers in the woods, where his village friends could visit him, and where he was surrounded by pictures of his family and his memories.

He died a true Englishman, a loyal subject of his Queen, a gentleman, and strong in his faith in his Lord.

Richard Grimshaw



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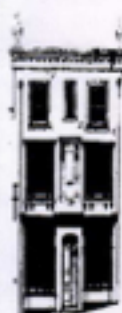
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## 26 October 1917

At 5.40am on 26 October 1917, the Xth Corps carried out an attack on Gheluvelt and Polderhoek Chateau in co-operation with the main attack further north. (X Corps consisted of 7 Devonshire, 5 Devonshire, 39<sup>th</sup> Division, 8 Devonshire, 9 Devonshire, 2<sup>nd</sup> Border Regiment, 2<sup>nd</sup> Gordon Highlanders, 1<sup>st</sup> Royal Welsh Fusiliers, 22<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Brigade, 1<sup>st</sup> R W Kents, 13<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade, and 20th Infantry Brigade)

The 8<sup>th</sup> Devon's was tasked with the second objective of the operation - a leap frogging movement with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Gordon Highlanders.

Considerable information about the enemy dispositions had been obtained from aeroplane photographs and captured documents. The enemy was expected to be holding his forward positions strongly with a number of machine guns

The weather on the night of 25 October 1917 was fine and dry with a clean moon which made the assembly march and forming up a simple process for the attack on Gheluvelt and Polderhoek. At about 3.30 on the morning of 26 October, rain set in with a high wind which continued throughout the day. Coming on top of the heavy rain of the preceding fortnight the ground was exceptionally boggy and going was very bad.

It was possible to advance north of the road. It was impossible to form an opinion of the low ground near the final objective. Although progress was possible, the conditions were very bad. The rifles and Lewis guns became rapidly unworkable. Any attempt to make use of old trenches ended in many men being stuck in mud. For this reason the task of repelling a counter attack presented the greatest difficulties. The conditions of the tracks in rear was at all times good and the Menin Road invaluable.

Communication both forward and in rear of Battalion HQ was, given the conditions, excellent. Pigeon, visual and runners only were used.

At 6pm on 25 October the 8<sup>th</sup> Devonshire moved up from dugouts south of Zillebeke Lake and moved to their assembly positions by Berbianden Road - Middlesex Road - Plumers Drive - E Track - Menin Road.

The Battalion finally formed up slightly in advance of the line originally intended and was closed up to a depth of 100 yards instead of 140 yards, with intervals between lines reduced accordingly. This was necessary as the ground immediately to the rear was very wet and the enemy barrage line was immediately in the rear of the final position of Reserve. This closing up process undoubtedly saved casualties during the waiting period and avoided very difficult and boggy ground. The forming up of the Battalion in the confined space went well and Companies were correctly distributed and in immediate touch with Reserve Company 1 RW Kent's. The ground was easy and all Ranks dug in, but water was near the surface making an occasional change of position necessary. This helped to keep the men warm. From 10pm to Zero hour there was intermittent enemy shelling of assembly positions with HE but very few casualties were reported.

If the attack had taken place as planned the 8<sup>th</sup> Devon's would have advanced immediately in rear of 9<sup>th</sup> Devon's to a point 400 yards in German territory where they would have halted and reformed. They would then have advanced again to the 1<sup>st</sup> objective; passed through 9 Devon's and laid down as close as possible underneath the barrage. The advance to the final objective would have continued until Zero plus 130. However, soon after the advance commenced the leading Companies of the 8 Devon's began to merge with the rear of the 9 Devon's. This was partly due to fact that the advance of the 9 Devon's was impeded by enfilade fire and so caused them to lose the barrage. In the earlier stages it may have been caused by the slow rate of the barrage, and the tendency being for troops in rear, not regulated by the barrage to push on too fast. While the 9 Devon's was still advancing the 8 Devon's was also suffering from heavy enfilade and frontal rifle and machine gun fire. Shell fire was negligible. The battalion was very reduced by the time the 8 Devon's had reached the line on which the 9 Devon's had halted. For the purposes of further advance the barrage had been lost. The 8 Devon's advanced through the 9 Devon's in an attempt to continue the advance and catch up the barrage. They made little headway, for as soon as they cleared the 9 Devon's they came in for the full force of machine gun and rifle fire that had previously been felt by the 9 Devon's.

On 26 October 1917 there were 2 Officers and 20 Other Ranks killed in action, 7 Officers and 131 Other Ranks wounded in action, 1 Officer and 2 Other Ranks died of wounds, 4 Officers missing, 105 Other Ranks missing, and 1 Officer wounded and Continued at Duty - 273 men in total.

**We will remember them.**

Robbie McCarthy

## Poppy Appeal Auction

Despite the economic climate and threatened recession, the auction in the Journey's End Inn on Friday 24 October raised an amazing £2712 from 111 lots, with donations of £290 making a grand total of £3002. The generosity of those providing pledges and items was only exceeded by those who opened their wallets and purses to benefit a most worthwhile charity. The JE was full from 6pm and packed from 7.30pm with those eager to spend their hard earned cash on items as diverse as a screeching monkey, a superb food hamper, lots of golf, meals and a champagne motor boat cruise. Many thanks to Jules, Paul and all their staff for supporting the event and all those helping with the organisation, especially the surprise auctioneer who is normally seen in front of a quieter audience. A superb result beating last year by over £300. Start saving for 2009.

Thank you  
Alan McCarthy

## Enigma This Month

In the square below, leave 42 of the 49 numbers exactly where they are. Change the positions (but not the values) of the remaining seven numbers, in such a way that the numbers in each horizontal row, vertical column and two long diagonal lines of seven smaller squares total exactly 86. It is possible for any number to appear more than once in the same row, column or line.

22	18	16	5	3	21	21
4	8	14	21	9	17	17
17	23	7	17	14	10	3
15	4	11	4	17	22	3
12	1	5	12	16	23	1
12	13	30	15	6	11	7
12	9	7	17	10	2	18

### Last month

Three points to Beta Rabbit, The Springers and Romeo Drifter, two points to Matchman and The Opals for using their initiative!

The message was: Literature is strewn with the wreckage of those who have minded beyond reason the opinion of others. Virginia Woolf.

### *Quote of the Month*

The only people who find what they are looking for in life are the fault finders.

- Foster's Law



Archie - Our Rover Correspondent

Lovely sunny day today and master & mistress are packing up bags and thermos so we must be off out on one of our jaunts again. Can't wait to get in the car as I am ever so excited. We set off driving through Modbury towards Plymouth and then we head off north towards Yelverton. We stop briefly again to pick up a couple of friends and at last it seems we are going somewhere. Soon after we are back on the A386 and I have to duck as a plane takes off from Plymouth airport. After a few miles we take a right turn off this busy road towards a village called Clearbrook. We pass through the village and park on the common opposite the lovely Village hall.

After they get toggled up in their walking boots I am eventually let out and have a good run on the common and do what dogs have to do. Back on the lead we set off walking uphill back along the road with the houses on the right. At the end of these we turn off right up on to Dartmoor and now I can be let safely off my lead again. Quite a steady climb up here for them humans but us four legged ones take it in our stride as there are lots of interesting sniffs & other things to investigate here. We soon come to the Devonport Leat, which we cross over and turn right following the path. The Devonport Leat was constructed in the late 18<sup>th</sup> century and the beginning of the 19<sup>th</sup> to bring water to the expanding dock area of Devonport. It was a major undertaking and drew its water from the West Dart and Cowsic rivers and took it 27 miles to Devonport. It wound its way around the hills and Tors of Dartmoor for most of its length. Much of it is still in use but this part is dry as it now empties into the Burrator Reservoir a bit north of where we are. I am given a ball to chase as we meander alongside the Leat through the trees. On our left is Yelverton Golf course with a group of people hitting a ball with stick things and then they walk after it and plop it down a little hole. I am not allowed to chase after their ball – but honest I could help and bring the ball back to them! Along here we reach a couple of houses and at the end of them we turn off down a path to the right as the track we were on goes to the left. The humans stop here to admire the views across the valley and up onto Dartmoor, which is covered in bracken. Down we go alongside a field on our right, full of horses, at the bottom we turn right on to a grassy track keeping the field still on our right. We pass though a gate on to a narrow path alongside the river Meavy where I get the chance to have a paddle and drink. At the end where we meet the bridge we turn right back into the village of Clearbrook where we could have a nice picnic on the grass. But no we all troop off to the pub. The Skylark, to have a splendid lunch. Not a long walk this one for humans as it was a gentle 1hr stroll but it sure built up an appetite for their lunch. If one wanted a longer walk - go straight across at the bridge, signposted Goodmeavy, following the path alongside the river before turning back across the moor to Clearbrook. Oh! by the way make sure you get to the pub at 12 noon or soon after cos it sure does get busy.

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## PEOPLE POWER

### The Boundary Commissions Proposals

I hope by now all have read the proposals for the whole of Devon excluding Plymouth and Torbay to be a single Unitary Council. I have a number of major concerns on how this will affect the people of Ringmore Parish. It must be remembered the request for Unitary Status did not come from Devon either at County or District Council level but from the Local Government Minister, Hazel Blears. This followed Exeter's failed bid for Unitary Status. The terms of reference given to the Boundary Commission did not include the "status quo" (continuing with present two tier system of local government).

From the various options put forward the decision was for a single Unitary Council for Devon with a supplementary proposal of taking Exeter out of Devon and making it viable by adding a part of East Devon to it. This, I believe, would be a worse scenario than their first option.

The major concept on reducing the number of councils is to save taxpayers money which in the first instance is believable until you look into what a single Unitary Council administration would need to establish and replace the existing District Councils. The population of this authority would be over three quarters of a million people spread over two and half thousand square miles all having very diverse requirements. The answer put forward by Boundary Commission is to form Community Boards, based in each of the market towns attended by representatives of the Parish and Town chaired by a Unitary Councillor (it is proposed to have 100 Unitary Councillors for the whole of Devon). This, I believe, will be a poor substitute to our present system. Devon would be the first to have such a set up, therefore without experience how can one know the comparable costs?

These thoughts are my personal views, but I am glad to see I am not alone. **People Power** in Somerset has persuaded the Minister for Local Government to reject Unitary Status. A similar exercise has been started in Devon. Should you wish to retain the present system please add your name to this petition.

<http://petitions.number10.gov.uk/devonstatusquo/#detail>

**More details from petition creator..... Stuart Hughes**

Following the failed bid by Exeter for Unitary status the Government requested the Boundary Committee to carry out a review of local government in Devon. They have put forward a suggestion for a Unitary Devon. They advise that the status quo at this stage isn't an option. However the present two tier system with enhanced working between all councils in Devon can and should be supported by Local Government Minister, Hazel Blears, when she makes the final decision in January 2009. If you support the present two tier system of local government continuing here in Devon please sign this petition.

Mike Hammond

Chairman of the Ringmore Parish Council

## RSPCA Stories by Sean Jones

This month I thought I would share with you the history of two of my own cats.

One evening quite late I received a call out to a housing estate close by in Wombourne near Wolverhampton. The call was to pick up a very young kitten who had been abandoned by it's mum. I was a little concerned as I wasn't sure where I would be able to take it to to get the care it would probably need. So late at night, Sharon in a (rare!) moment of genius suggested taking her foot spa which we quickly warmed and padded with towels and a hot water bottle.

Nature is a marvelous thing until we humans start meddling and sadly in this case had the caller left well alone mum would probably have returned to collect her baby, but the kitten had already been moved indoors to a human habitat. The woman who called us out thanked us for a prompt response and was particularly impressed that we had come around with a 'specialist incubator'!!

So one, very young kitten, probably only 3 days old, came home with us. An interesting night of constant care followed and we managed to feed him with a small syringe. What to do next? Sharon had already become attached and wanted to keep him. So with her usual determination she contacted her manager at work. At the time she worked in a small rural branch of LTSB and managed to persuade the Wolverhampton Group Manager (in charge of 7 branches) to allow her to take the kitten to work.

Armed with kitten, foot spa, feeding bottle etc off she went. Kitten lived in the back office, cried every 2 hours for feeding and began to grow and become stronger. The footfall in the branch increased, customers and staff loved having him in the branch and a competition was launched to name him and Lloyd was well and truly born.

Twelve and a half years later, Lloyd the tabby is healthy and very loving although a little grumpy. He has always cared for the other animals we have introduced into the house. He groomed Prince the rabbit daily, licking his infected eyes and generally looking after him - a very special cat.

Billy cat spent his first 14 weeks shut in a toilet with Mum, Dad, sisters etc, etc. He was very skinny and smelly when I rescued him and all the others. I took a shine to Billy and took him home. One night Sharon arrived home and opened the door to a terrific smell. I advised her that the smell was her Christmas present! It took weeks to rid Billy of his smell. His first visit to the vet was traumatic when his first injection found the needle going right through his body as he was so thin. He grew up to be a wonderful cat but sadly his retirement to the seaside was short lived as he was run over in September 2007. Sadly missed but with many treasured memories.



## October and Group Meeting Reports

A busy month! Our President, Jackie Tagent, welcomed Rosemary Piercy, a volunteer worker for "Flame International". The hardships of war, oppression, poverty and injustice have left their scars on many nations and Flame works to relieve the trauma of these people. Rosemary described how it was encouraging to see the people begin to have hope for the future, and start to rebuild their lives. She illustrated her talk with film, slides and some funny moments – it is not all gloom.

On to the **Group Meeting** when we welcomed Aveton Gifford and Loddiswell members. After the three Institutes had outlined the past year's activities, we enjoyed some wine and delicious eats, and then welcomed our speaker, Matthew White from Ashburton. He commented on five antiques selected by each Institute. Our expert was stumped by a lamp-lighter's lighter and a railway points changer, and judged them the most unusual items, awarding the cup to Ringmore. Thank you, Di Collinson, for leading us on the piano.

Don't forget our **Annual Meeting** on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November, starting at 7.30 pm. It's your chance to elect the new committee, and to enjoy wine and cheese afterwards. Please bring your menu choice and money for the Christmas dinner at the Journey's End on 17<sup>th</sup> December.

The **Group Carol Service** will be on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 2.30 pm in St Andrew's Church, Aveton Gifford. If you would like a lift, please let Jackie know on 810520.

### October's Sudoku Solution:

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

"This is the story of four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody, and No-body.

There was an important job to be done and Everybody was asked to do it. Anybody could have done it, but No-body did it.

Somebody got angry about that, because it was Everybody's job.

Everybody thought Anybody could do it, but No-body realized that Everybody wouldn't do it. Consequently, it wound up that No-body told Anybody, so Everybody blamed Somebody."

Editor

### Ringmore Village Website

Several groups in the village have given their verbal support to the idea of setting up a website for Ringmore.

As a result we have purchased a domain called [www.ringmore.info](http://www.ringmore.info).

The aim of the website at this stage is to provide basic information about the village. It will not contain information that requires regular updating. Thus it will only have a few pages and require little maintenance.

The editors will invite contributions from various organisations in the village, and it is likely the site will initially have around 8 pages as below:-

- Home Page with brief description of the village and location
- History
- Church
- Village Activities
- Walks
- Pubs, food and Shops
- Accommodation
- Links to other websites.

It is envisaged that this will cost around £100 a year to maintain. Leon Bailey has offered to create the website for the village at no cost.

We aim to have the website on line early in New Year.

Comments on this proposal will be welcomed by Richard Baker on 811115 or [richard.baker@totease.demon.co.uk](mailto:richard.baker@totease.demon.co.uk) on behalf of the editors.

Richard Baker, Barry Old, Mike Wynne-Powell

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To register an interest or for further information, please ring Carol on 07968258059 Or email: [cfstrong@btinternet.com](mailto:cfstrong@btinternet.com).

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### **Carol Singing**

During November and December you are invited to join some informal carol singing at Barnford on Wednesday evenings from 7.30 p.m., starting on November 12th. The idea is to sing together carols old and new, learning harmonies or not, as you wish and drinking coffee with perhaps a mince pie or two. Whilst accomplished choristers will not be turned away, far from it, the idea is for people who just like singing carols, but with no claim to fame, to get together and enjoy doing just that. There is no plan to sing at the carol service, nor at the pub, nor at the Korniloff, but you may wish to change our minds on that score. Also welcome are those spouses and partners who are non-singers, but would also like to come and be part of these evenings.

Do let us know if you would like to join us, but don't be deterred from turning up just because you didn't tell us in advance.

Adrian & Judy Bull (Tel: 810420)



### *Walking and Talking*

We would be interested in walking on a regular basis with like-minded people. If you would like to join us, please contact Tony and Pauline (Mayfield) on 01548 810622




### **Modbury Christmas Craft Fair**

The Modbury Christmas Craft Fair will be held on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November at the Modbury Memorial Hall. Opening times 2.00 - 4.30pm and it will be free entry to the public. Come and stock up on your Christmas presents from a selection of talented local crafters selling greeting cards, postcards, jewellery, Giclee Prints, bags, educational toys, bath bombs, willow gifts, slate signs and much more. Father Christmas will be making a guest appearance and refreshments will be available, with all proceeds going to Modbury Lunch Club. Hope to see you there! If you are a local crafter and interested in booking a stall please contact Charlotte Aylward on 01548 830592 or email [possumaylward@aol.com](mailto:possumaylward@aol.com) for booking information



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## ALL HALLOWS .

### News of the church organ -

After a busy year the organ no doubt needed its recent health check. It needed some repairs and tuning which was done by using a long metal plate to vary the length of sleeve in each tube. My thanks to Phill for the following notes on Bevington's, the company that manufactured the organ.

Henry Bevington (c.1775-1839) learned his trade with Robert Gray in London, before establishing his own business about 1794 in Greek Street, Soho, which was a thriving area of instrument manufacture and furniture-making. In 1838, Bevington's sons, Henry [jnr] (1813-87), and Alfred (1817 -?) were taken into partnership. In the 1840's, the firm embraced the German system, building a new instrument under the direction of Gauntlett at the Mechanics Institute, Nottingham in 1849, later building large instruments for St Martin-in-the-fields in 1854, and the Foundling Hospital in 1855. The instrument at Ringmore is one of Bevington junior's many chancel organs, designed by his brother, Martin. These won medals at the 1862 International Inventions Exhibition in London, (and subsequently at the 1885 Inventions Exhibition at Kensington). These chancel organs served a particular marketplace mainly for village churches where an organ was required to accompany the new robed choirs which had returned to the chancel following the efforts of the Cambridge ecclesiologists in the 1840's and 50's.

A vicar, John Baron, of Upton Scudamore in Wiltshire, published in 1858 a very well-received book entitled 'Scudamore Organs, or Practical Hints respecting Organs for Village Churches and Small Chancels on Improved Principles', and the Bevington firm leapt onto the bandwagon in designing their range of chancel instruments almost immediately.

The Ringmore instrument is certainly at the larger and more impressively decorated end of the Bevington chancel-organ repertoire, and is well-made and currently deserving of attention. It is in reasonable condition, but dirty, with many of the windways in the pipes choked with accumulated grime. Once completely cleaned, with the worn parts restored, it will continue to give service for another century or more.

### Church clean-up day....

It is also rapidly approaching the time when the church will need its annual pre-Christmas clean, which this year will be on Saturday November 29 at 10.00am. Drina would be very grateful indeed for your help. If you already are on the church rota for cleaning would you be able to give a little extra time on this day.. and if you are not on the rota perhaps you would like to also come and join in the fun. The brasses will need cleaning as well so there will be plenty of variety. Please will you bring cleaning materials for the job of your choice including if possible some water for washing tiles, dirty hands, etc. On the basis that it is always more fun cleaning other people's houses than cleaning your own, cleaning the church should be a good social occasion!

Rosemary Piercy

"For those who were mystified with regard to the village hall proposal by the kite runner in the last issue of the newsletter the basic information is as follows.

I was asked, along with three others, to look into the possibility of a new all purpose hall for the Parish in the centre of the village using the one off opportunity of an extension of the W.I 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. Andy King however has not given up hope of a new hall and is exploring other possible sites. As this is a long term objective it was considered that all efforts now need to be made to maintain and improve our existing community facilities including in particular support for Alan McCarthey for the work to the Parish Room.

John Bracey "

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### An Irish Airman Foresees his death

*I know that I shall meet my fate  
Somewhere among the clouds above;  
Those that I fight I do not hate,  
Those that I guard I do not love;  
My country is Kiltartan Cross,  
My countrymen Kiltartan's poor,  
No likely end could bring them loss  
Or leave them happier than before.  
Nor law, nor duty bade me fight,  
Nor public men, nor cheering crowds,  
A lonely impulse of delight  
Drove to this tumult in the clouds;  
I balanced all, brought all to mind,  
The years to come seemed waste of breath,  
A waste of breath the years behind  
In balance with this life, this death.*

W.B Yeats.



Royal British Legion  
Bigbury, Ringmore & Kingston

During this very special month the Royal British Legion will be organising many events, competing with the National fund raiser 'Children in Need'.

As usual this Branch, has organised what is fast becoming a list of annual events. Still to come, following the very successful auction, is the showing of 'Hope and Glory' at Bigbury Memorial Hall on 1 November, the Golf Challenge at Bigbury Golf Course on 7 November, a Coffee Morning, kindly hosted by Korniloff on Saturday 8 November and the always poignant Remembrance Service, this year at St Lawrence Church, Bigbury.

The three parishes which our Branch covers have always been extremely generous and it is very difficult to find new ways of saying 'thank you' which seems so inadequate. But thank you everyone who supports the Poppy Appeal.  
Robbie McCarthy

## Christmas Eve with Bigbury Fayre

Here we go again (has it really been 12 months?) This is an early call for all you budding musicians out there, to join us for an evening of carols around the green on Christmas Eve. If our usual players and anyone who wishes to join in with the music, please get in touch with Angie Carson on 810296 for rehearsal times, places etc.

Many thanks - Bigbury Fayre

# THE JOURNEY'S END INN

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SO ON

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 09,

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REMEMBRANCE DAY LUNCHEON.

## FROM THE JE'S DIARY:

The past couple of months have been a difficult time for us here at the JE. There are now over 36 Public Houses closing their doors every month\*. But, Juliet and I are not going to let these financial times keep us from continuing here at the JE. We just hope that you will all continue to come down and to show us the wonderful support you always have done. For only together can we get through these tough times!



We know it is ONLY November... but, Christmas is just around the corner (can you believe it!) so book your Christmas parties with us as soon as you can so that we can get a jump on what we hope will be a very busy time for us! Just come on in and talk to Jules about menu ideas.



### WINTER HOURS START!

We will now be closed all day on Mondays and during lunch on Tuesdays...

Please make note of these news hours!

We must keep costs down as best we can, so we hope that you will understand!

### Thai Night on a Local's Night????

Yep! You got it!

Jules thought why not?

Our Thai nights are always so popular with all of you, so why not combine and evening and make it even more special!

### REMEMBRANCE DAY LUNCH!

We here at the JE will be taking £2.00 from each meal we serve and donating it to the Poppy Appeal on behalf us all of us.

So, please we need your help!



Please come in and have lunch with us and help support such a wonderful and important cause!

### Thanksgiving!

As with last year we will holding this on a Sunday (Nov 30)! There will be 13 different dishes and desserts from the original 13 Colonies! It will be GREAT! Come and celebrate this US holiday with us and remember that it was the Pilgrims (who left from Plymouth) who started this tradition!

## This Month

Every Wednesday

is our +55 luncheon

Great food and an even better price! Remember that you can reserve your table now for every Wednesday.

EVERY THURSDAYS!

CREDIT CRUNCH DINNERS & QUIZ NIGHTS!

Come enjoy a GREAT meal at a great price and be brilliant all at the same time!



### WINTER HOURS START

Mondays: Closed all day

Tuesdays: Closed for lunch & Open at 6pm

Wednesday thru Saturday: 12 to 3

& 6 to 11

Sunday: 12 to 3 & 6 to 10:30

Sunday Nov. 9

### REMEMBRANCE DAY SUNDAY LUNCHEON!

As always we here at the JE will be offering a GREAT set menu at £16.95 from which we will be donating £2.00 per person to the Poppy Appeal!



So come on and make your reservation now!

Friday Nov. 14

### THAI NIGHT ON LOCAL'S

### NIGHT AT THE JE!

Great Thai food, Thai beer, Local's Night... what more could you ask for!

Reserve your tables now for a great evening with friends and family and Ringmore!

### SUNDAY NOV. 30 U.S. THANKSGIVING LUNCH!



An American holiday... we know.

This you have to reserve for... so call us TODAY!

### THE JE WILL BE CLOSED

FROM SUNDAY NOV. 16 (AS OF 4PM) TO FRIDAY NOV 21 (UNTIL 6PM)!

We will be taking a short holiday to re-charge our batteries. The kitchen will be closed as well on the 21... just drinks!