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Richard, Stephie and Will Grey wish everyone a very Happy and Merry Christmas

Phill and Sally wish all their friends in Ringmore a very Joyous Christmas and a Happy, Healthy and Peaceful New Year

Gill and Carmen would like to wish their friends and neighbours a blessed Christmas and a peaceful New Year

David and Andrea wish everyone a very happy Christmas and healthy 2009

Christmas Greeting to all our Friends and Neighbours and very best wishes for 2009 from James and Gillian

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To all Royal British Legion Members - please note the change of venue for the December meeting.

Once again, plenty of things going on this month, well Christmas is coming after all!

As things stand at the moment this will be my last edition as Editor. For reasons which are too complicated to go into here, I find myself unable to work with the Parish Council. When I took over the Newsletter, much to my surprise, I found it to be insolvent and both Alan and I have worked hard to get it back on track.

I have been asked to attend an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Parish Council on 28 November, three days after the deadline for this edition, to discuss the future of the Newsletter.

You will note I have included a deadline and left the email address for copy. I will pass onto the new Editor everything that is sent to this address either by hard or soft copy.

Anyone wishing to take on the Newsletter as Editor should apply to the Chairman of the Parish Council and be prepared to give up between three and five days per month for the cause.

Very many thanks to everyone who has supported me, especially Alan who in spite of making a very rocky start as Proof Reader has been encouraging and very supportive, even when his dinner has been late! He spent a great deal of time recovering some advertising revenue and working out the business plan too.

The Editorial team wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and peaceful and healthy New Year.

Robbie McCarthy

DIARY FOR THE MONTH:

Monday: Short Mat Bowls 7.30pm (Parish Rooms)
Tuesday: Table Tennis (Parish Room) 7.30pm
Wednesday: Carol Singing 7.30 - Barnford
Sunday: Ladies Running Group - 9am Aveton Gifford

DECEMBER

1 Dec: Noon Tearfund Lunch
3 Dec: 2.30 WI Carol Service - Aveton Gifford
3 Dec: 7.30pm RBL Meeting The Dolphin Inn
15 Dec: Modbury School Christmas Fayre
24 Dec: Carols on the Green Bigbury

JANUARY

8 Jan: 7.30 WI Meeting - WI Hall
20 Jan 7pm Parish Council Meeting
28 Jan: WI Whist Drive

Rainfall by Eleanor and Grace Purdy

Last month:	33/4"
10 year average:	4 1/2"
10 year high:	8" - 2000
10 year low:	1 - 2004

Mobile Library

Friday 14 & 28 Nov

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

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LOCAL CHURCH SERVICES IN DECEMBER

Date	Bigbury	Kingston	Ringmore
Dec 7 th	11.00 a.m. Family Service	9.00 a.m. CW Communion	11.00 a.m. Family Service
14 th	11.00 a.m. Family Service	6.00 p.m. Christmas Tree Service	9.00 a.m. CW Communion
21 st	4.00 p.m. Carols By Candlelight	11.00 a.m. Carols & Take Part Nativity	6.00 p.m. Carols By Candlelight
Wed 24 th Christmas Eve	2.30 p.m. Carols at Korniloff with Comm'n 6.45 p.m. Carols On The Green	11.00 p.m. Christmas Midnight Comunion with Carols	
Thur 25 th Christmas Day			10.30 a.m. Christmas Family Special with Communion
28 th	11.00 a.m. Family Service	6.00 p.m. BCP Evening Prayer	9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer

We wish all readers, of any faith or none, a truly Joyful Christmas

POSSESSION IS NINE-TENTHS OF THE LAW

The Christmas Cracker is pulled, and one person has the bigger remnant with the truly wonderful plastic gift and the hilarious joke! The rugby players have mauled for several minutes but one team retains the ball to the delight of their supporters. The Orthodox Church in Jerusalem surrounds the altar in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, and the Armenian Priests cannot get near it. Possession is the key factor in all three; yet one has to ask the opposite question in response to the way the situation is handled. Even the rugby player who uses the possession to miss a dropped goal is likely to be asked "What possessed you to do that?" when others have seen what they thought a better way.

If the squabble is ^{not of} two six year olds having a temporary tantrum over the cracker it is not too bad, but when the scenes in Jerusalem came on T.V. with Priests giving each other black eyes in a holy place the question is more serious. We might attract more to the Christmas Services for all the wrong reasons if you all thought that your Minister and Churchwarden were going to have a really good punch up, but no, let's not go there.

The Jerusalem scenes are even sillier if you diligently research both the archeology and the Bible, for both the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, and the Via Dolorosa ["Way of the Cross"] are great tourist sites, but in all probability nowhere near the true places of the events they stand for. Within the last thirty years some new build in Jerusalem old town led to the discovery of what is very likely to have been the house of Caiaphas the High Priest who sent Jesus to Pilate. Place this discovery with the site of the Temple, which has never been doubted, and the Biblical account is verified, thus putting both tourist sites in doubt. The garden tomb outside the walls of the City, right next to the bus station and taxi rank, if you have ever been there or are thinking of going, is the more likely burial site. The issue for those angry Priest was their value of something special to them. I might debunk the reason for their anger and more so their failure to show those fruits of God's Spirit mentioned in October, do you remember "love, joy, peace, patience, kindness goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self control", Nothing about a swinging left hook!

Christmas is about GRACE, which going back to the Greek is a "charism", in our language a gift, the root of the word charismatic, which we apply to a gifted person. The person who was more than gifted, and was himself a free gift stands for all that should be Christmas. If you let him, Jesus, totally invade your Christmas, there will be no space for the demons that afflict temper-losing cracker pullers and fighting Priests. He came that his empowering presence would affect the way we treat each other here on earth, and also to unlock a joyful heaven for us. May that be your possession this festive season, your reason for the season.

John & Pam Elliott (830688)

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PRESENT Chairman M.Hammond
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Clerk M.Wood
4 Members of the Public

APOLOGIES Dist.Cllr.B.Carson Cllr.J.Reynolds

DECLARATION OF PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS

M.Hammond & S.Jones

OPEN SESSION

Darkie Lane – Mrs Purdy informed the council that she had met Mike Watts from Highways regarding the drainage problem. Once again there was no telephone call to say he was visiting and therefore none of the other parties involved were present.

Mrs.Purdy produced a copy of the drainage plan which was from an earlier survey.

The reason that this did not happen was because the previous owners of The Veau would not allow the proposed drainage scheme to proceed. Cll.Deverson will contact Mr.Watts as a matter of urgency.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING - Signed as correct.

MATTERS ARISING

J.E. Gates – Chairman still to draft a letter to the freeholders.

Parish Roads – No response from Highways; Cllr.Deverson to follow up

Parish Handyman – After further discussion it was decided that parish council did not wish to employ someone to tidy the parish due to health & safety regulations, insurance and income tax procedures. The proposed meeting on the 14th November did not take place due to illness and unforeseen circumstances. However, it was agreed the councillors will arrange a date for a working party to carry out light jobs and to ascertain major areas that need attention. These can either be passed to a local contractor or District & County Council. The main idea is to tidy the parish to make it more presentable.

DEFIBRILLATOR – The Chairman was pleased to report that this was now in its temporary position. First Aid training has been organised for Wednesday 19th November. Cllr.Bohnet, once the list of telephone numbers is finalised, will produce on a fridge magnet.

ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

Trees – Notification received to undertake works 40/1854/08/TCA The Veau

Town Well – Ben Turner dealing with this item on our behalf.

Footpaths – Cllr.Lambell reported that he had received the P3 paperwork and that he was trying to arrange a meeting with the area P3 warden to discuss Cackle Lane.

St.Annes Chapel Footpath – item still in abeyance.

There is still a plank of wood placed across the stile in Ayrmer Cove. National Trust to be contacted.

PARISH PLAN

Of the 27 parishioners who signed up for the oil scheme, Watsons have delivered to 25. This scheme appears to be working well. Cllr.Bohnet will give some consideration to holding a Christmas Craft Fair.

PLANNING

Approval – Ivy Cottage erection of full glazed conservatory.

Application 40/2188/08/F Resubmission for replacement of existing timber house with new dwelling Quarry Park – Cllrs.discussed this application and although were happy with the plan they were unhappy about the overall height and believe this would have a much more visual impact on the village. One Cllr. abstained from voting.

The Chairman notified the council of a retrospective planning application that has been submitted for Clock Barn at Nodden Barns which had apparently been approved by Bigbury Parish Council without any consideration for the residents of Nodden Farm. Copy of an E-mail sent by Mr.Barry Keel to South Hams relating to various works which has already taken place on the Barns without planning approval. Also changes to original plans which affect Mr.Keel as near neighbours. The Chairman stated that in instances like this, Ringmore Parish Council should have been issued with copies of the plans so they can have the opportunity to comment. The Clerk was requested to write to Planning supporting the points raised by Mr. Keel.

FINANCE – Cheques agreed and signed

J.Reid Grass cutting £29.00

Donation to South Hams Citizens Advice Bureau £15.00

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Village Website – After discussion it was agreed that Cllr.Parkin will give Mr.Baker a copy of the 'Welcome Pack'

The Chairman asked Cllrs. to give consideration to the 2009 precept & budget.

Mr.King will be asked to quote for a new bus shelter notice board, with parish council section having a lock. ?

Boundary Commission – once again parishioners are to be encouraged to register their views by logging onto <http://petitions.numbers10.gov.uk/devonstatusquo/#detail>

The Chairman stated that the Ringmore Parish Newsletter will be on the agenda for discussion at the next meeting.

THERE WILL BE NO MEETING IN DECEMBER

NEXT MEETING 20TH JANUARY 2009



RBL POPPY APPEAL 2008

Just when you think the credit crunch is going to stop you getting close to the record totals of the last two years, we have so far reached a handsome figure of £5,600. Why? Well it's all down to you out there, and some very hardworking Poppy People in the Legion. So, a roll of honour:

- ❖ Our collectors who trudge the lanes and knock on doors, taking out the message, who symbolize so much of what the Poppy Appeal is about, so to **Pam & Stan Brunskill, Chris Freeman, Eileen Randall, Pam Trundell, Sean and Sharon Jones, and Margaret Wood** a thousand thanks (in fact, several thousand!). True Poppy heroes.
- ❖ Alan and Robbie McCarthy for the amazing Auction at the Journey's End which launched our appeal and raised a huge sum. They were ably assisted by Phil Errett & Chris Roberts. And thanks to all those generous people who contributed to the 104 Lots – a great evening, brilliantly organized.
- ❖ James & Jane Stevenson for 'Hope & Glory' film show. A great evening, well attended. Thanks are due to "Villages in Action" once again. James writes: Frequent outbursts of laughter from the audience of 52 during the film, and sacks of empty wine bottles at the end, proved once again that everybody had a whale of a time at the annual RBL film show at Bigbury Memorial Hall on Saturday 1st November. The organisers, Jane and James Stevenson, would like to thank all those who generously providing food, drinks and raffle prizes, not forgetting the splendid team of local gourmets who gave up valuable time to prepare a mouth-watering buffet supper. After paying £10 for hire of the hall, £124.80 for performing rights and £90 to Villages in Action for use of equipment and projectionist, the RBL Bigbury, Kingston and Ringmore branch was able to donate a further £493.20 to the 2008 Poppy Appeal.
- ❖ Our friends at Bigbury Golf Club generously allowed us to use two of their Golf Circus Days to raise funds, with wonderful prizes sponsored by the Oyster Shack. The total raised was a wonderful £175.00. Tony's help with the scoring was absolutely critical – trust me, we would have been lost without him!
- ❖ Chris Roberts & Guy Eddy organised a highly successful Coffee morning in the Korniloff – well attended as always – with many stalls and raffles. Many thanks to Mr & Mrs Phillips,
- ❖ Guy Eddy for organising the very moving Remembrance Service at Bigbury Church. This is a very special event, and the church was packed out – always a wonderful sight. And sincere thanks to John Elliott who conducted a superb service. The collection raised a fantastic £326.00.
- ❖ Paul & Jules at the Journey's End for putting on a magnificent Remembrance Day lunch, with a most generous donation to the Poppy Appeal. And, they decked out the pub in style for us.
- ❖ Deepest gratitude and thanks to all the pubs and local businesses that supported us. We depend on you every year and you never let us down.
- ❖ The Principal & staff at Kingsbridge Community College for warmly supporting the Poppy Assemblies, taken by yours truly. The young people really listened and were eager to know more about us.

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Special thanks to **Chris Freeman** and **Eileen Randall** who have been collecting in Kingston for a combined total of over 60 years. Together they have raised thousands of pounds for the cause over the years, and must have walked several thousand miles. Chris and Eileen will be taking it easy in future, which means we need some new Poppy Collectors next year – if you would like to join our team, call me on 810693 or email jsimes@hotmail.com.

Finally, many thanks to the staff at Lloyds Bank in Ivybridge and Kingsbridge who helped me

weed out the dodgy coins and sort out the shrapnel. At times like this you realise what a fantastic community we have here.

John Simes

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AGM CHANGES

Our AGM took place on Thursday 13th November, with 22 members on roll and 16 present. Jackie retired as President after 5 years in post, and was presented with a bouquet of flowers and a cut glass bowl by Sharon Jones, the incoming President. Pam Brunskill has retired from the Committee after many years of faithful service, which has included no less than four stints as President and many years as a Vice-President. Thank you, Pam, for all you have done! The Officers and Committee members for the coming year are:

President	Sharon Jones
Vice-President	Margaret Wood
Secretary	Jane Baker
Treasurer	Pat King (also Hall bookings officer)
Committee	Kash Bawden, Jan McCarthy, Pat Skeels, Jackie Tagent

The programme for 2009 was agreed, and Shelterbox will be our chosen charity for the coming year. The meeting ended with wine and cheese supplied by the outgoing President.

The **GROUP CAROL SERVICE** will be on Wednesday 3rd December at 2.30 pm in St Andrew's Church, Aveton Gifford. If you would like a lift, please let Jackie know on 810520.

Looking ahead into next year, our **JANUARY MEETING** will be on Thursday 8th January with a speaker from Dame Hannah Rogers School in Ivybridge. Then on Wednesday 28th January we have a Whist Drive (always good fun – you don't need to be an expert!). Put the dates in your diary; more details in next month's Newsletter.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION



Ringmore's most senior citizens are warmly invited to join Madbury School's PTA, children and staff for a Christmas celebration on Monday 15th December.

This is an opportunity for those other than the grandparents and parents of current pupils to be a part of the seasonal festivities at the school.

As well as entertainment from the children, there will be a raffle, tea and mince pies and other refreshments. If you would like to join us, please contact the school on 01568 83032 by Thursday 11th December.

Quote of the Month

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RSPCA at Christmas – Sean Jones

When all are indulging in festive fayre, RSPCA Inspectors are often on emergency call out. I have never had a problem working at Christmas having done it all my life in the Police Force before the RSPCA but my idea of an emergency call out did not always match that of the public!

Here are some examples:

An 80 mile journey for a cat in a garden. 'Mrs X' was cooking her Christmas dinner and saw this cat in her garden. The caller claimed that it was in an appalling state. It transpired that she just felt sorry for it as it was Christmas!

Ice skating is not my forte but 'Mr Q' decided that he wanted me to risk my life on a frozen pond in the dark to save a poorly swan – it turned out to be a log sticking out through the ice! *

Another hoax at Christmas – I arrived at a house responding to an abandoned animal call where I was greeted by a very pleasant but frustrated gentleman who was the subject of a not very funny joke. I was at the end of a long line of callers he had received that day and I had followed the undertaker!

Looking back I can smile at most of these but at the time I found it frustrating particularly knowing that Sharon was 'home alone' at Christmas awaiting my return.

Christmas was also an interesting time for me as I often seemed to spend it in casualty. Sharon had regular phone calls from me 'Don't worry but I am in casualty.'

Examples – dog bite on hand, many stitches, cat bite on thumb, threatened with hospital admission due to dangerous poison tracer line moving up my arm, ankle ligaments damaged due to a fall during a call, cat bite on stomach which pierced through jumper and shirt – did it hurt!

Remember - turkey is not just for Christmas, it is for the following fortnight as well!

Happy Christmas – more stories next year.



Neighbourhood Watch

The police are reporting a spate of day time burglaries in the South Hams area. They advise that householders ensure they have adequate door locks and that windows are not left open when there is no one at home.

*Barry Old
Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator*



Archie - Our Rover Correspondent

Off we go in the car on this lovely sunny but cool day and head towards Plymouth ending up parking near St Werburgs Church at Wembury in the National Trust car park. Out the car I jump, down on to the beach and then follow the Coastal Path as it climbs uphill, west towards Plymouth. The stretch is very safe now as we pass in front of the now defunct HMS Cambridge, no sudden bangs to frighten the life out of us, as in the past, when they used to fire their big guns out to sea. Onward we go keeping to the Coastal Path as it winds its way through the lower reaches of Heybrook Bay, passing the tennis courts on our left and the Eddystone Pub 100 yards up the road on our right, and onto Bovisand. Getting warmer now so them humans stop for an ice cream at the café where I have a drink of water and begrudgingly am allowed the end of their cones with a mere smidgen of ice cream in it. I am put back on the lead as we climb the lane going uphill towards Down Thomas. Quite a climb going up here but master and mistress stop to look at the stunning views, on this very clear day, over Plymouth Sound and the Breakwater.

Plenty of Naval ships in action today in the Sound together with the many sailing boats milling all around them. I have often seen the Breakwater from the Hoe where one can appreciate its length but from here one can see how very wide it is. The Breakwater was started in 1812 and completed in 1848 with millions of tons of Limestone brought down the Cattedwater from Oreston quarry, just a short distance across the sound, in specially designed boats. A medal was struck to commemorate the completion of this expensive, huge and vital feat of engineering. The lighthouse and beacon marking its position were manned for over 100 years. The west end of the breakwater was found to be getting loose in 1928 so was strengthened over many years with the task finally be completed in 1978.

After a photo break and rest here we start off again uphill till we come to a "T junction" and turn right into Down Thomas. Shortly after passing the pub on our left we come to a Foot Path on our left, down through a narrow gap, into some fields. At last I can be let off the lead again and have a good old run, don't like it very much when I have to walk at human speed, much better to be free and enjoy all the smells of the countryside. Back on the lead as we cross straight over another road but soon into fields again where at last I am given a ball to chase. At the end of the field we cross over a little stream and turn right following the Foot Path sign down towards Wembury. Continuing down here we then take the Bridle way that passes lots of wooden lodges on our right. Fortunately there is a Foot Path alongside and a bit higher so we don't have to paddle our way through where all the horses have walked. At the end we can either take the road back the short distance to the car park or take the safer route via the Field on the left. Most enjoyable this walk of about 5 miles, as it combines both Coastal Path and country walking, each with their own spectacular scenery.

Hope another dog can write up one of their favourite walks as my paws are getting quite sore tapping these out on my master's computer. It also takes a lot of concentration, as the keys are so small for doggy paws.

I wish all my doggie and human friends a very Happy Christmas with lots of goodies to eat and toys to play with and a Healthy New Year with many good walks to enjoy

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Enigma This Month

There is no Enigma this month. The answers to last month below. The winner of the Enigma competition this year is Beta Rabbit with 12 points, Opals and Matchman joint second with 11 followed closely by the Springers and Romeo Drifter with 9. Well done everyone. Beta Rabbit won Christmas cards from Judith Woodings designs.

I have not set an Enigma for this month as the future of the Newsletter is uncertain. However, the answer to last month's is:

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



*Ring out the old, ring in the new
Ring, happy bells, across the snow:
The year is going, let him go
Ring out the false, ring in the true*

Tennyson - In Memoriam

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The first deliveries for the Ringmore scheme were made by Watsons around 15th November, when over 26000 litres were delivered to 25 scheme members. Although there were a couple of glitches, with a tanker breakdown and a small spillage, hopefully everyone was satisfied.

I understand anecdotally that another supplier delivered to the village around that time at a price of c.45p, per litre. If this is the case, then parishioners will have saved over £750 on the first delivery which was priced at under 42p per litre, VAT inc., as well as the green benefit of less tanker traffic in the parish.

John Reynolds

Good home wanted for elderly piano.

Alice donated her piano to the WI, so the current WI piano is redundant.

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Thank You's

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Appeal

A huge thank you for the wonderful response to the Operation Christmas Child Appeal. The generosity of those who gave their time to help and/or contributed gifts or donations meant that we were able to send 80 boxes from the village. An amazing achievement! They are now on their way to Romania.

We wished we could see the children opening them, but we can only imagine the joy they will bring and just how much they will mean to the children.

You might like to visit www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk to read stories from previous years.

Alison Wynne-Powell

A big thank you to all who came to my 75th birthday celebration at the JE on October 31st, for all the lovely presents, flowers and cards, thank you once again. Thank you to my family who organised the surprise celebration. I had no idea until I arrived at the JE. Most of all thanks to my daughter Rebecca who did all the leg work and to the Braceys who helped her along the way. What a wonderful evening!

Pat Skeels

P's & Q's

The Parish Room was awash with furrowed brows, laughter and just a little wine on Saturday evening when forty nine local residents and friends braved the elements to answer 100 questions set by the fiendish questions mistress Robbie McCarthy.

Vino, a team from outside the Parish took an early lead and looked sure to win until local team Sex Ping Pong played their Joker on round nine. Occupations and Hobbies covered vexillologists, mercers, fromologists and others all of which they knew, giving them 20 points to bring them to within 2 points of Vino.

The last round on Television, Radio and Media adverts also went their way to give a tie. A tie breaker question to name the County Town of West Sussex went to Sex Ping Pong, making them the evening's winners. Fortunately there were no long speeches, just the normal thanks to everybody involved in the organisation and presentation of the evening, especially those taking part in the quiz.

The evening raised a goodly sum for the funds which will help to pay for the replacement of the plumbing system after sustained mouse attack.

Alan McCarthy

Chairman, Parish Room Committee

NEWS FROM ALL HALLOWS

By the time you read this our church will be sparkling after the clean up day on November 29th. A special thank you to Drina for organising this and to all of you who (will have) turned up to help. It is so good to think that the building has this special face lift in time for all the many Christmas festivities. Some of us - whether churchgoers or not - might like to take a bit of time out from the Christmas preparations by spending a few minutes in this lovely building that we have; so many of the summer visitors commented on the feeling of peace.

We have just had a remarkably lively meeting at AG in which we looked at what life might be like once John retires as our local minister. The main challenge will be the national lack of available clergy, and there are some financial constraints; however on the up side there are many applicants who would like to live in this lovely part of the world! What we have to do is to produce a plan for the future of our church, with a profile for the new minister. I feel that everyone in Ringmore should have a chance to be involved in this so if you have any views do contact Mike Wynne Powell, who will collate the information.

Rosemary Piercy 810253

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