

Ringmore Parish Newsletter

April 2009

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Deadline: 9am Friday 24th April

April begins with a day of fun and jokes—April Fool's Day. No one really knows when this custom began but it has been kept for hundreds of years.

Here are some of the most memorable ones in England:

In 1957 *Panorama*, a TV programme, fooled millions of Brits into believing that spaghetti grows on trees! The show announced that thanks to a very mild winter and the virtual elimination of the dreaded spaghetti weevil, Swiss farmers were enjoying a bumper spaghetti crop. It showed women carefully plucking strands of spaghetti from a tree and laying them in the sun to dry.

The joke was an enormous success. Hundreds of people believed there was such things as spaghetti trees. Soon after the broadcast ended, the BBC began to receive hundreds of calls from puzzled viewers. Did spaghetti really grow on trees, they wanted to know. Others were eager to learn how they could grow their own spaghetti tree. To this the BBC reportedly replied that they should "place a sprig of spaghetti in a tin of tomato sauce and hope for the best." :)

In 1980 the BBC reported that Big Ben, in order to keep up with the times, was going to be given a digital readout. It received a huge response from listeners protesting the change. The BBC Japanese service also announced that the clock hands would be sold to the first 4 listeners to contact them, and one Japanese seaman in the mid-Atlantic immediately radioed in a bid.

In 2000 early morning commuters travelling on the northern carriageway of the M3 near Farnborough, Hampshire encountered a pedestrian zebra crossing painted across the busy highway.

In 2002 Tesco published an advertisement announcing the successful development of a genetically modified whistling carrot with tapered air holes in their side. The extraordinary carrots would start to whistle once fully cooked!

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DIARY FOR THE MONTH

Monday: Short Mat Bowls, 7.30pm (Parish Rooms)

Tuesday: Table Tennis, 7.30pm (Parish Room)

April

1/4 RBL meeting, Journey's End Inn 7.30pm

4/4 Church clean, 10am

4/4 Breakfast at Folletts, 8.45 - 10am

9/4 W.I Talk W.I Hall 8pm

13/4 Cream Teas, W.I Hall 3pm

15/4 RHS Lost buildings of Devon W.I Hall
7.30pm

28/4 Parish Council meeting, W.I Hall 6.45pm
Parish Council Annual Meeting W.I Hall
7.30pm

May

4/5 W.I May Fair, W.I Hall & grounds, 2pm

9/5 Murder Mystery, Parish Rooms. 7pm

June

19/6 - 21/6 Flower Festival, All Hallows

Rainfall by Eleanor and Grace Purdy

Last Month: 35mm

10 year average: 81mm

10 year high: 178mm

10 year low: 25mm

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MOBILE LIBRARY: FRIDAY 3rd & 17th

St Ann's Chapel: 2.30-2.45

Ringmore Church: 2.50-3.10

Challaborough: 3.20-3.35

Kingston Fire Station: 4.00-4.30



The Village website is still under development but the editors have put progress to date live on the internet which can be viewed at www.ringmore.info We would be very grateful for any constructive comments or if there are any omissions/innaccuracies, please contact the editors at richard.baker@totease.demon.co.uk

RINGMORE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Wednesday April 15th

At 7.30 in the WI hall

LOST BUILDINGS OF DEVON

A survey of 500 years of change in Devon's heritage including buildings, gardens and lost industries.

An Illustrated talk by Dr Todd Gray

Honorary Research Fellow- Exeter

University

ALL WELCOME

April Sudoku

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LOCAL CHURCH SERVICES IN APRIL

Date	Bigbury	Kingston	Ringmore
April 5 th	11.00 a.m. Family Service	9.00 a.m. CW Communion	11.00 a.m. Family Service
10 th Good Friday	6.00 p.m. At The Foot of The Cross		4.30 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal
Sat. 11 th			2.30 Ben Hammond & Alison Rule Wedding
12 th EASTER	11.00 a.m. Easter Family Communion	6.00 p.m. Evening Prayer	9.00 a.m. BCP Communion
19 th	9.00 a.m. BCP Communion	11.00 a.m. Family Service	6.00 p.m. Evening Prayer
Wed 22 nd	2.30 Korniloff Communion		
26 th	11.00 a.m. Family Communion	6.00 p.m. Evening Prayer	9.00 a.m. Spoken Communion

26th Woodleigh Deanery Confirmation Service 10.00 a.m.

Unless you are going to the Bigbury Communion please support our confirmation candidates from Bigbury & Kingston at the Service lead by Bishop Michael of Exeter at St Edmunds, Kingsbridge 10.00 a.m.

Whose Fool Are You?

Most people will be reading this after 12 noon on the 1st day of the month, so the temptation to make up a trick article is resisted....just! A Minister who influenced me greatly during my early stumbling towards Christianity told the tale of one of those sandwich board eccentrics. This particular chap used to walk around a well known drug dealing area, and from the front his board read "I'm a fool for Christ" on the back it read "Who's Fool Are You?"

We are all driven by something, from within or without. Even Richard Dawkins has a faith in something he cannot substantiate as a supposed scientist. In his case the faith that God does not exist. Others are driven, dare I say it, by demons: and some of those are self inflicted or self invented. The demon drink is only a demon when it becomes a must have craving to cushion from facing reality with courage. As St. Paul said "a glass of wine for your stomachs sake" is okay. However he also told us not to lead the weaker ones astray, so some of you out there confront the demon and ask just how much of a fool you are being.

It will be a joy on the last Sunday of this month to be with a young man, and a still fairly young married lady over in Kingsbridge where the Bishop will lay his hands upon them. He will do it whilst praying and requesting God's blessing and spiritual empowering for them to lead strong Christian lives: we all need some of that. There will be others seeing Confirmation by the Bishop as gaining full membership of the Anglican Church, but the Church is open to you all. The only "Society" that exists for the benefit of non-members, so whether you go and support Hilary and Adam on their very special day, or go to Bigbury for the Communion, do come.

John Elliott, Resident Minister [830688]

APRIL 22nd -26th Bishop Michael of Exeter visits the Woodleigh Deanery of which we are part. See posters in the Churches and at Holywell Stores for the events that you might want to attend. They range from a Pub lunch and Golf Competition through to the Confirmation Service advertised above.

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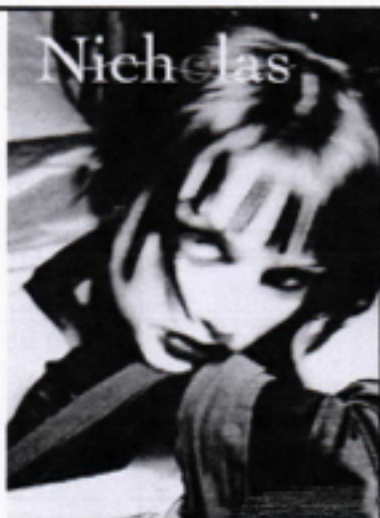
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Thank you so much

It was a lovely surprise to receive such a warm welcome from all our Ringmore friends.

Your cards were a delight and stood over the fire place which was hidden by many, many mysterious boxes which we are gradually unpacking

Pam & Roofy

The nice thing about being senile is
You can hide your own Easter eggs

Reporters interviewing a 104 year old woman: 'And what do you think is the best thing about being 104?' the reporter asked.

She simply replied, 'No peer pressure.'

Tearfund Lunches

The Tearfund Lunches have finished for the winter and I should like to thank everyone who provided soup, crumbles, rolls etc. and those who came to support us and eat the food!

This winter we made £783.20 for the fund which is a Christian charity supporting projects in Africa.

We hope to restart in October and look forward to your continued support next winter.

Thank you again

Judy Bull



Ringmore Ramblers started with a very pleasant walk to Westcombe Beach.

If anyone would like to join us, we plan to meet at 10.30 a.m. at the entrance to the church on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month.

The walks will be two to four miles long and local to start with. Just turn up. Dogs are welcome.

Tony & Pauline: 810622



MARCH MEETING: ALOE VERA

The speaker at our March meeting was Liz Mingo, who kindly stepped in at very short notice. She told us of the amazing properties of Aloe Vera, and how it can help joints and digestion, and be used on different skin types. It can aid the immune system, and is anti-inflammatory. The range of products included make-up lotions, shampoos, soap and drinks. The plant is harvested in Mexico and the Caribbean.

APRIL MEETING: TANZANIA SAFARI

On Thursday 9th April at 8 pm, we welcome back John and Ann Bracey to take us on safari in Tanzania. Their photos and commentary are first class and the meeting, which is open to everyone in the village, is guaranteed to be enjoyable and informative.

EASTER MONDAY CREAM TEAS

We have started work on improving our garden, so we have more space for our fetes and fairs. As part of our fund-raising for this work, we will be serving cream teas in the W.I. Hall from 3 pm on Easter Bank holiday Monday, 13th April.

MAY FAIR: MONDAY 4TH MAY

Our annual May Fair is on Monday 4th May, starting at 2 pm in the W.I. Hall and grounds. There will be many stalls, including cakes, tombola, books, plants, produce and bric-a-brac. If you have any items for the stalls, please contact Sharon Jones on 810179. But above all, book the date in your diary!

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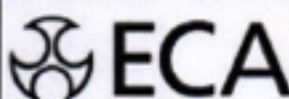
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London Streets

A parody by Christopher Matthew of A. A. Milne's 'Lines and Squares'

Whenever I walk down a London Street,
I take great care where I put my feet.

And I watch for the gobs

And the doggies' big jobs

That lie there in piles, some sloppy, some neat,
Waiting for people to squidge with their feet.

And I tiptoe around

With my eyes on the ground

And wonder what horror I'm next going to meet.

And the harder I look, I give you my word,
The more I seem drawn to the tiniest turd.

And the dogs see me coming and say, 'Here's a sap.
Let's nip round the corner and have a good crap.

He's wearing those shoes that have crinkly soles,
With lots of small ridges and dozens of holes.

And if we distract him by having a piddle,
Nine times out of ten he'll tread slap in the middle.'

There's nothing more pleases a dog's simple wit
Than to hear the familiar cry of 'Oh, shit!'

I'd like to congratulate the wonderful team
Working hard to keep our village clean
I'd like to help, but it is too late
Now I am well past my sell by date.

I can no longer use a shovel
Because my shoulder gives me trouble
Nor push a wheelbarrow up a hill
For every few yards I have to stand still
To catch my breath, which has got short
I'm very sorry to report.

My knees are weak, my ankles give out,
If I bend my back, pain makes me shout,
My body really is a shambles,
And sometimes my mind just rambles,
So I think I'll stand there and smirk,
Enjoy watching others work,
Telling them how it should be done,
I think I'd find that rather fun,
Mind you, that might just make them cross,
And then they'd tell me to b....r off.

Anne Lambell

RINGMORE'S MILLENIUM BUG

After holding a ballot the village resolved to embellish the church tower's south face,
And heaven be praised the money was raised
And a great celebration took place.

I refer to the clock on All Hallows Church tower, now causing a hullabaloo,
For until it is mended, the time that's pretended,
Is twenty-five minutes past two.

When the clock was installed it guaranteed time within errors of less than one second.
Now all hopes are dashed, the technology's crashed,
That's something that nobody reckoned.

On the twelfth day of Jan in two thousand and nine, the clock suffered technical failings,
And there it's remaining, with bells not refraining,
Poised high above stainless steel railings.

Our millennium clock has the latest high-tech, that ever was seen in a church
And I ask: "Could the bug-be, that pulse sent from Rugby,
The result of scientific research?"

But when God shuts a doorway, he opens a window, so villagers please calm your fears,
For the SUNDIAL remains, undaunted, unchanged,
As it has done for hundreds of years!

James Stevenson

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REMINDER ABOUT FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Sunday 19th April, 2.00pm, 'Beachwatch' clean up on Cockleridge in association with the Marine Conservation Society. Contact Maya on 01548 562449 or info@learntosea.co.uk for details.

Tuesday 21st April, 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start: **AGM** in Thurlestone Parish Hall followed by a **TALK** by Robert Waterhouse on 'The Archaeology of the Avon Valley from Moor to Sea'.

Flower Festival June 19th 20th 21st

June may seem a long way away but believe me it is fast approaching and it would be great if the gardeners among you could start potting up cuttings to sell on the plant stall.

A note to the flower arrangers:- if you need financial help to buy your flowers, or wish to order them wholesale please contact Jinny McCabe—810538. unfortunately flowers from the garden tend to drop more quickly than bought ones and we want the whole effect to be stunning for the whole weekend!

Offers of help, either stewarding in the church or helping with refreshments would be most welcome. Tel: 810420.

Also we shall be selling tickets shortly for the concert on the Friday evening.

It's going to be an exciting weekend!!

Many thanks

Judy Bull

RSPCA stories by Sean Jones

The best part of working for the RSPCA was dealing with such a variety of animals, nursing them back to health and releasing them into the wild, their own natural environment.

The garage at our home in Wanbourne, Wolverhampton was very much a temporary sanctuary for overnight guests or hospital patients. The list included ferrets, owls, a bat, a snapping turtle, iguanas, rabbits, a fox and a 15ft Boa constrictor. We quickly gained the reputation for a high quality animal B&B!

When you care for wild animals you must feed them correctly and one of our funniest memories was of Sharon finding whole baby chicks in the freezer, yes, I forgot to tell her!!

Bats seen by many as quite eerie are fascinating creatures. Sharon became rather attached to one she had to feed water to as it was really dehydrated. It was gently resting in Sharon's hand, gratefully receiving water through a pipette. Later released into the night sky. It had been stunned by something and during natural recovery had become dehydrated but recovered well.

One ferret spent the whole of Christmas with us. They are wonderful, highly intelligent and easy to train but boy do they smell!!! One animal my wife did not beg me to keep.

A very fond memory is of a beautiful Barn Owl who had been hit by a car. I recovered it from the roadside and a visit to the vet had determined that its injury was just shock, lots of T.L.C needed. We cared for it for a few days. Once it had fully recovered it was ready to go. I drove to the place I had rescued it and it was a still and beautiful Autumn evening. I removed it from the cage in the van and lifted it gently into the air and released it. Sharon and I both felt a deep emotion as the owl flew away, it was a great privilege to be able to care for such a beautiful animal and release it to where it belonged. A very special memory.

One of the most important lessons I learnt. Was that nature, however cruel it sometimes appears, does everything for a reason and deserves the greatest of respect.

PRESENT Chairman M.Hammond

Cllrs. J. Deverson B. Lambell J. Parkin

District Cllr. B. Carson Clerk M. Wood

2 Members of the public

Apologies: Cllrs. E. Bohnet J. Reynolds and W. Mumford

PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY

The Chairman reported that he had received a telephone call from Mr. John Simes who wished to decline being co-opted onto the Council. Parish Council still have a vacancy for a councillor.

OPEN SESSION

Mr. Alan McCarthy asked if it was possible for the £500 Devon County Council Grant to be given towards the Parish Room refurbishments. Council agreed - Clerk to prepare the paperwork.

DECLARATION OF PREJUDICIAL INTEREST - None

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The minutes of the February meeting were signed as correct.

MATTERS ARISING - Flower Festival

Cllr. Parkin confirmed that Gillian had agreed to create a display for the church flower festival. The council expressed their thanks for taking on this task.

BRYAN CARSON

Cllr. Carson explained that in the Development Framework Document they had been looking at various sites in towns, villages and other areas where affordable housing can be built, mainly where there are shops and bus routes. He had attended a Shoreline Management Meeting where some interesting facts were discussed regarding our coastline. The Secretary of State has extended the date by which we must provide advice on the Boundary Commission's Review; representations can still be sent to the Boundary Commission on the further draft proposals for unitary local government in Devon up to the 14th May 2009. The only two options are - Pattern A: the county of Devon unitary authority and Pattern B: is for two unitary authorities with Exeter and Exmouth as one and the rest of the county of Devon forming Rural Devon.

Cllr. Carson notified council that the Beachdown Bungalow development had been refused by South Hams Planning on the grounds that there was insufficient information regarding the re-positioning of the road behind the trees and this has now gone to appeal. He recommended that Ringmore Parish Council should see copies of this.

ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

Footpaths - Darkie Lane

Cllr. Deverson had spoken to Peter Guy who stated that if Parish Council wished to undertake re-establishment easement they could do so with the permission of the owners. After discussion it was agreed that quotations would be obtained locally for putting a gully on Darkie Lane which would then feed into a drainage channel that will be installed across the lane into The Vein.

Cockle Lane - The subject of this footpath from End House to Parkdean Land was discussed. The path is extremely dangerous and Cllr. Lambell was requested to contact Ross Davies to visit the site and see for herself how bad this is. Unless something is done we will have no alternative but to declare the footpath closed.

Cllrs. agreed for Cllr. Deverson to purchase hardcore for Nodden Mill footpath. The money will come from P3 funds.

Trees - 40/0098/09 Fell Sycamore - The Old School House - No objection

Work can now be done on the holly tree at Hill Cottage 40/0017/09

PARISH PLAN

The Irish social evening was another success with a sell out on tickets. The third delivery of fuel has taken

place. The Friday clean-up is still being done but more volunteers are needed.

PLANNING

Applications Approved

40/0442/09/LB Middle Manor Listed Building Consent for refurbishment and alterations to dwelling. (Cllr. Lambell declared a personal interest at this stage)

05/0399/09/F Noddon Farmhouse erection of replacement conservatory.

40/0245/09/LB Walnut Tree Cottage Removal of 2290mm long section of internal wall between kitchen and proposed dining room.

40/0246/09/F Ringmore Village Hall Replacement windows and doors to hall.

Application Withdrawn 40/0058/09/B Mount Pleasant & Rose Cottage.

FINANCE

Cheque agreed and signed for Clerks Salary & Expenses £248.78

NEWSLETTER - Nothing to report.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

Village Skip dates Ringmore 4th April & 24th October. Challaborough 9th May.

Cllr. Parkin asked if the environmental team could take a look at the mound of overgrown earth at the end of the wall opposite End Bohem Cottage.

The Clerk updated Cllrs. on the Millennium Clock situation, an estimate of the cost will be required.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON THE 28TH APRIL COMMENCING AT 6.45PM FOLLOWED BY THE ANNUAL MEETING AT 7.30PM

Hi Editorial Team

Could you please include my note of thanks to all the villagers that have taken part in the village clean up, a big thank you from a busy landlady & mother who would love to be able to pitch in but a bit too much on my plate to help out at the moment. The lanes look great so thank you very much.

Cheers Jules

The Parish Clean up

It is not an exclusive club:- anyone can join.. No qualifications needed just a bit of enthusiasm and perhaps a shovel..

And if helping to spruce the parish up isn't reason enough to join in, it generally ends up with a drink at the pub. Reason enough!

SPRING RESCUE!

Several people have asked me why the Royal Navy helicopter was circling Challaborough on Sunday 15th March at about 5.30pm: the story is thus.

At 4.50pm Bigbury Coastguard were paged to locate two teenage girls thought to be stuck on rocks at Warren Point with an incoming Spring tide. Six of the team arrived on scene and managed to locate the casualties quite quickly. This was fortunate as they had managed to reach a ledge on the cliff but could climb no further. The waves were lapping their feet; they were cold and frightened.

Brixham had tasked a helicopter but we had no time to lose. It was imperative that the girls were made secure. Contrary to the report in the Gazette, the girls were in immediate danger of being swept into the sea and battered on the rocks below. Within minutes we had lifejackets, protective helmets and lines attached to the girls. Jeremy Gilbert (our Station Officer) stood in front of them on the edge of the ledge acting as a human shield as the waves were now crashing on them. Having prepared the girls to be winched to safety, we radioed the helicopter to commence with their part of the rescue. The skills and bravery shown by the rescue helicopter teams are always inspiring to say the least! The girls, aged 15 and 17 years, were airlifted to Bigbury beach where a land ambulance and paramedics were ready to receive them. They were both thoroughly checked over and apart from being very cold and frightened, were allowed to return to their caravan at Challaborough.

A happy outcome; two more lives saved!

Sandy

Coastguard Rescue Officer (Bigbury)

20 years ago

10 years ago

Parish Council

Next April, instead of a rates bill going to the householder, everyone over eighteen living in a house will receive a separate bill – although husbands and wives will be taxed together. In the South Hams, the Personal Charge will be about £220 and everyone will pay this in 10 instalments. The owners of holiday homes will pay their Personal charge in the area of their principle home and, in addition, they will pay a standard charge (probably) about £440 in this area for their holiday home.

WI

The speaker, Mrs. Pat Skeels, took us on a fascinating journey to Zambia, starting with her first introduction to Africa, flying with her family to a new life in unknown territory. They endured hardship, great discomfort and some fear in their village and yet they ended their time as teachers with a great love for their adopted country and their many African friends and pupils.

Friday Club is holding a Giant Sunflower Competition in aid of the improvements which are being carried out at the Parish Room and WI Hall. Sunflower seeds, instructions and sponsor forms supplied by Jackie and Michael Tagent. The flowers will be measured on Wednesday 11 August the day of the Eclipse of the sun.



THE JOURNEY'S END JOHN EDWARD BRACEY INTERNATIONAL TABLE TENNIS TOURNAMENT took place in the conservatory (with bats and ball by the players) on Sunday the 29th March. It is now in its 13th year but was not unlucky as there was a crowded pub and many people had a really enjoyable time. The table was borrowed with thanks from the Ringmore Table Tennis club and dragged up from the Parish room before lunch. The first match started at the slightly later time of 1-30p.m. and was a good one between John Simes and the man in charge of the pub in Juliet's absence, Sean Jones. Joe Simes had a very hard fought match against Barry Bates and there were some

other really good games including three with German contenders sportingly volunteering to play in, and at one time coming very close to winning, the tournament. Their inclusion created the first international event and the three of them joined in the informal social event which was thoroughly enjoyed by players and spectators alike. It was very unfortunate that Colin Jackson, who came back to Ringmore for the event, should have been drawn against the eventual winner, he played regularly when living here but has no facilities in Broad Clyst where he now lives. It was though good to see him and he says he will be back for the Fete. It was also good to see Val Court back in the village, she used to come to the quizzes on Thursday nights. Whilst predictably most members of the Ringmore Table Tennis club came through their early matches, non members gave a very good account of themselves Gero from Germany reaching the semi final against the eventual winner. Adrian Bull, reigning champion, just beat Phill Errett in the other semi final the first game of which went to 18-16, very close as the newer scoring system of up to 11 was used. This may have assisted our this year's octogenarian champion for 2009 Frank Williams, the wiley old fox! Congratulations to Frank, it was a thoroughly deserved win, he has been nearly there on many occasions and has participated since the inception of the event and his name will eventually be listed with the other champions in the pub. He received the trophy and a bottle of wine from John Bracey, founder of the event and chairman of the table tennis club who unfortunately could not play again due to health reasons. Thanks are due to Juliet and Sean for the venue, Phill Errett for help in organising and running the event Ann Bracey for again taking photographs, some of which will be posted on the notice boards in the pub and parish rooms, and last but not least all those who took part. Everyone enjoyed themselves playing or spectating and created a lot of laughter- and welcome trade! £27 was collected and donated to the Parish Room Fund a large collection box for which is on the bar. The results chart will also be pinned on the notice board.

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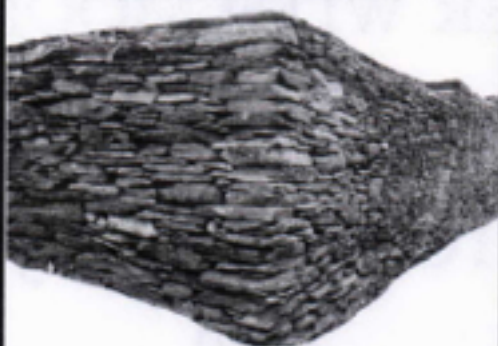
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Hello, my name is Lawrence Weston - National Trust Warden, and I'd like to tell you about some of the exciting events that have been taking place in the Ringmore area over the last few months.

Last autumn we held two public hedgelaying events and another as a training week for National Trust volunteers. Participants learnt about the traditional skills of hedgelaying and put these to use by laying a hedge in the traditional Devon style. Hedgerows have a number of benefits for the environment and the countryside. A healthy hedge will consist of a number of different tree species, wildflowers and other plants, many of which provide fruit and berries necessary for birds' and small mammals' survival. Hedges also act as natural 'wildlife corridors' linking up otherwise isolated habitats, particularly woodland. Birds, mammals, and insects can all make use of hedges to travel to and from other habitat areas. Hedges also protect farmland and crops from rain damage and excessive soil erosion by acting as a wind break. For these reasons the National Trust is committed to maintaining hedges and planting new ones where appropriate. Holding these hedgelaying events helps us to educate people about why we should look after our hedges, at the same time as passing on valuable heritage skills needed to keep the practice alive. The events were a huge success and the fabulous results can be seen on our paths to Ayrmer Cove.

During the winter we had both EDF Energy and the Mandala Trust come and clean the beach at Ayrmer Cove. Thanks should go to both organisations and the numerous individuals who help us to keep the beach tidy. As you all probably know rubbish on the beach tends to come from the sea and it is a constant battle to keep it clean. If you fancy getting involved, we have an Easter Beach clean that will be held at Ayrmer Cove on Saturday 11th April from 10am to 3pm. You are welcome to drop in at anytime for a bit of litter picking and leave whenever you wish. The event is open to everyone; participants should wear suitable clothing depending on the weather and bring their own lunch.

Whilst out and about many of you will have noticed the improvements to Toby's Path, leading to the coast. Using contractors we have improved the track surface and widened parts of the path, making access to the South West Coast Path that much easier. I'm sure the improvements will be appreciated by all.

One last word, at present we are building up a list of volunteers who might be interested in offering their time for one off projects in the Ringmore area. Tasks might include path construction/maintenance, scrub clearance, litter picking, ragwort pulling, etc. There is no obligation, but if you are interested, send me an email and your name will be put on a list that will receive information of forthcoming volunteer days. It is my intention to be writing a regular newsletter updating you all on our work around Ringmore so if you have any comments about the work of the National Trust or want any further information please call me, Lawrence Weston, on 01548 810197 or email lawrence.weston@nationaltrust.org.uk

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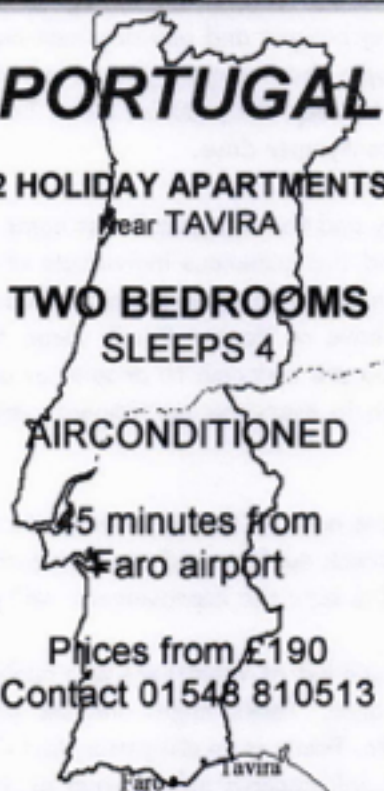
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A reminder that the church Easter cleaning will also take place on April 4 at 10.00am.

CHURCHYARD TIDY UP

A very big thank you to Drina, Frank, Stan, Alan and Jem for their great assistance in the clean up on Tuesday 10th March; their help was greatly appreciated.

CHEESE and WINE party March 6.

There were literally no spare seats for Mike Wynne - Powell's presentations on everything from Church Fetes to Sex in Ringmore. (If you were not there fear not - this focussed mainly on the 4-legged, multi-legged and even legless Ringmore inhabitants). The wine flowed freely, we sampled a magnificent array of unpronounceable cheeses, and some creative mortals entered the cheese-naming competition. Thanks to many but particularly to Mike for the tremendous effort he put in to making it such an enjoyable evening. £274 was raised for the church Hymnal and we all had a lot of fun.

PANCAKE DAY

Thank you Phill the Chief Pancake Maker who also organised this tasty and successful event. We are grateful to all those who manned the stalls and all those who came to spend their money for making it a great success; £330 was raised towards the cost of the Hymnal.

SALE AT THE NOOK

Very many thanks to Gillian Parkin for so generously giving £220 to Ringmore church - this was raised from the sale of household goods at The Nook.

Happy Easter!

Rosemary Piercy 810253

CLOCK UPDATE

Following advice from the clockmakers the Electrical Master Clock (Tempus unit) was removed and sent off to the manufacturers in Belgium for inspection and repair. They have inspected the control unit and found that the fault was a short circuit underneath the transformer caused by the ingress of water.

The damage to the unit does not allow repair so a new complete unit has therefore had to be ordered. As yet we do not know the total cost of the replacement unit.

To prevent a re-occurrence of the fault the clock makers are suggesting we re-site the Tempus unit and Antenna in a suitable position within the main body of the church.

As the clockmakers are based in Derbyshire it has been agreed that, to keep costs to a minimum, we employ a qualified local electrician to carry out the re-siting and installation of the Tempus unit and Antenna.

It is hoped to have delivery of the new unit in the near future and of course we will keep the village informed as and when further information is received.

Phill Errett 810547

With thanks to Alan McCarthy, who has taken over the 100 Club this year, we now have one hundred subscribers for the first time. With thanks also to all of those who have very generously taken part we are able to make a substantial donation to the Devon County Welfare Fund where the money will be spent locally helping ex-service personnel and their dependents.

This year the 100 Club will have two monthly prizes of £15 each and an additional Christmas draw of £200.

The winners of the three draws held at the last meeting were:

David Young, Frank Williams, Anna Anntebi, Chris Tilley, Karen Purdy and Jeff Male. Congratulations to them all, especially those who have subscribed for the first time.

Good luck to everyone for the rest of the year.

The Royal British Legion has been invited by 29 Commando Regiment RA to participate in the Civic welcome of the Regiment to Plymouth from active service in Afghanistan on Friday 17 April 2009. The venue is St Andrew's Church Plymouth and the Main piazza in Plymouth City Centre at the TV screen (Armada Way next to Dingles).

We have been lead to believe anyone can attend the service and certainly line the streets to watch the procession from the Citadel at 0930 and the march from the Church to the City Centre at 1145. The service will be at 1030. If anyone would like further information, please let me know.

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