

Ringmore Parish Newsletter

October 2009

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Having been taken ill on Monday, David Young passed away in hospital on Tuesday night. Our love and deepest sympathy are with Andrea and the family at this sad time.

Who said things quieten down after summer? Looking at the diary for the month there is plenty to keep everyone busy. Short Mat Bowls restarts, the informal supper club at the J.E, craft and creativity exhibitions, tearfund lunches, not to mention the schedule of events for the Royal British Legion and much more.

Well done to everyone who took part in the 'Town Quiz' and a big thank you once again to James & Gillian for setting this.

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Saturday October 17th
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Having recently completed a City & Guilds textile course several people have asked to see what I have been up to for the last two years!

Consequently I thought it would be a lovely opportunity to share the many known and unknown creative skills and talents of people in Ringmore and so invite anyone who would like to contribute to the exhibition to contact me on 810907 or John Bracey on 810696 by the 9th of October with details.

Alison Wynne-Powell

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DIARY FOR THE MONTH

Tuesday: Table Tennis, 7.30pm (Parish Room)

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

October

- 03/10 RBL Film Show, Bigbury Mem. Hall 6.45pm
07/10 RBL Meeting, J.E 7.30pm
08/10 W.I Meeting, 8pm, W.I Hall
11/10 Harvest Lunch, Parish Room, 12.30
17/10 Celebrate Creativity in Ringmore, W.I Hall 11am
23/10 RBL Poppy Appeal Auction, J.E, 8.30pm
24/10 Skip, Ringmore bus stop
24/10 Modbury Craft & Gift Fair, Mem.Hall 11am
27/10 Parish Council Meeting, 7pm, W.I Hall
31/10 Informal Supper Club, J.E

November

- 4/11 Carols, Barnford, 7.30pm
7/11 Children's Choir, Barnford, time as usual!

Rainfall by Eleanor and Grace Purdy

- Last Month: 17mm
10 year average: 52mm
10 year high: 105mm (2008)
10 year low: 13mm (2002)

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- 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



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CHURCH SERVICES IN OCTOBER

	Bigbury 11.00	Kingston 9.30	Ringmore 9.30
4 th October	Family Communion	Family Service	Family Service
11 th October	Family service	Family Communion	Harvest Festival
18 th October	Family Service	Holy Communion (BCP)	Family Service
25 th October	Holy Communion (BCP)	Shoebox Service	Family Communion

A New Era

Dear All,

Some of you may be surprised that it is me, Neil Barker, writing this and not your "normal" vicar. I was appointed as Team Rector in 2005 for the eight churches of St. Andrew Aveton Gifford, St. Lawrence Bigbury, St. Andrew East Allington, St James the Less Kingston, St Michael & All Angels Loddiswell, St. George Modbury, All Hallows Ringmore and St. Mary Woodleigh. I am sorry that some of you have not seen much of me so far, but things are changing and I will be leading worship regularly at each of the churches.



At the end of September, Revd. John Elliott, whose ministry I have valued, retired and he is not being replaced. So we are working out a new way of sharing ministry across the churches. We could have thought about closing churches, but we didn't. Each church has an important place in its community as a sign of the call and love of God to everyone.

Some of the services are changing in time and type, so you may need to check out the new pattern. There will be a service in each church every Sunday apart from the 5th Sunday of the month when we all meet together and at some festivals when churches unite.

In order to achieve this, Revd. Mike Jefferies, Michael Tagent (one of our Readers) and I will be leading worship and preaching at all of our churches on a rota basis. We will also still be enjoying the ministry of our Reader Chris Lally and retired clergy locally. To ensure each church has a service every Sunday, once a month local lay people will lead a service.

It's not how it used to be! No, but it has been many years since churches had a resident vicar who devoted his time completely to a single parish. I believe the Lord is leading us towards another way of building his kingdom. If there are pastoral needs please speak to a Churchwarden who can pass them on.

As we go through a time of change, continue to pray for your church and those who minister in it, both lay and ordained, and perhaps you will be the answer to your prayers as you hear the call and share the love of God.

Neil Barker

First wheelchair accessible fare car

DEVON County Council will launch its first wheelchair accessible Fare Car service into Kingsbridge on Wednesday 19 August.

Fare Car F17, funded by the County Council, runs to fixed arrival and departure times into and from Kingsbridge on Wednesdays and Fridays. It will travel to and from Kingsbridge bus station and the top of Fore Street. There are scheduled arrivals in Kingsbridge at 10:30am and 11:30am, and departures at 12:30pm and 1:30pm on both days. Devon County Council has funded the new vehicle which enables passengers to travel in either a wheelchair or a standard car seat. However, anyone can use the service. Drivers will be trained to use mobility equipment and are there to help passengers in and out of the vehicle.

On Wednesdays, the service will cover the areas of St Ann's Chapel, Bigbury, Challaborough, Ringmore, Kingston, Aveton Gifford and Loddiswell.

On Fridays it will cover Salcombe, Marlborough, Hope, South Huish, South Milton, Thurlestone, Bantham and Churchstow. Councillor Stuart Hughes, Devon County Council Cabinet Member for Highways and Transportation, said: "This first wheelchair accessible Fare Car will enable the scheme to be used by even more people, and is responding to people's travel needs. Right across the county, the Fare Car scheme is proving popular with those who live in rural areas who may otherwise not have access to public transport. I hope it will be well supported."

The fare is £2 per single journey, apart from those travelling to and from Salcombe, who pay £2.15. These fares apply to anyone including National Bus Pass holders and children over the age of five.

Anyone may use the service but you need to ring Ivy Cabs to book, up to the day before travel, by calling 01752 895658. For more information, ring 01392 383481 or access the website at www.devon.gov.uk/buses

Now we have our new home straight and my flower garden almost sorted—I took so many plants and cuttings with me most are in the ground now! I feel more relaxed to think about Reiki again. So please see my ad and new phone number, Hazel

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Parish Councillor Vacancy

Ringmore Parish Council have a vacancy for a Parish Councillor.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A PARISH COUNCILLOR?

For more information contact Michael Hammond on 810572



Accommodation needed to rent

Mid November—1st March

Local family, 10year old son and 2 small well behaved dogs.

References available

07545127750

This is a new and ingenious one. A man phones you re an unpaid phone bill claiming to be a British Telecom representative . He quotes an amount owing usually £30-£40 and says you can pay now by credit card or your phone will be disconnected and will cost £120 to reconnect. If challenged about his identity he offers to prove he is genuine by preventing you from making calls. He asks you to try ringing someone, and you will then find you can't as there is no dial tone. He then rings you back in the hope that you will now be convinced and pay up. Once he has your credit card details he has achieved his aim.



Barry Old
Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator

Perception....

Washington, DC Metro Station on a cold January morning in 2007. The man with a violin played six Bach pieces for about 45 minutes. During that time approx. 2 thousand people went through the station, most of them on their way to work. After 3 minutes a middle aged man noticed there was a musician playing. He slowed his pace and stopped for a few seconds and then hurried to meet his schedule.

4 minutes later:

the violinist received his first dollar: a woman threw the money in the hat and, without stopping, continued to walk..

6 minutes:

A young man leaned against the wall to listen to him, then looked at his watch and started to walk again.

10 minutes:

A 3-year old boy stopped but his mother tugged him along hurriedly. The kid stopped to look at the violinist again, but the mother pushed hard and the child continued to walk, turning his head all the time. This action was repeated by several other children. Every parent, without exception, forced their children to move on quickly.

45 minutes:

The musician played continuously. Only 6 people stopped and listened for a short while. About 20 gave money but continued to walk at their normal pace. The man collected a total of \$32.

1 hour:

He finished playing and silence took over. No one noticed. No one applauded, nor was there any recognition.

No one knew this, but the violinist was Joshua Bell, one of the greatest musicians in the world. He played one of the most intricate pieces ever written, with a violin worth \$3.5 million dollars. Two days before Joshua Bell sold out a theatre in Boston where the seats averaged \$100.

This is a true story. Joshua Bell playing incognito in the metro station was organized by the Washington Post as part of a social experiment about **perception, taste and people's priorities**. The questions raised: in a common place environment at an inappropriate hour, do we perceive beauty? Do we stop to appreciate it? Do we recognize talent in an unexpected context?

One possible conclusion reached from this experiment could be this: If we do not have a moment to stop and listen to one of the best musicians in the world, playing some of the finest music ever written, with one of the most beautiful instruments ever made.... How many other things are we missing?

Don't dread the onset of winter!! It means it's time for **TEARFUND LUNCHES** again!

Bring your friends and relations to enjoy homemade soup and rolls, followed by fruit crumble and ice-cream, plus tea or coffee.

All we ask is a donation to support Tearfund, a Christian charity working with local churches to overcome global poverty.

Venue --- W.I. Hall, Ringmore
Time --- 12md -2pm

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Monday November 2nd.
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RINGMORE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

FROM THE ARCHIVE

From: *COASTS OF DEVON AND LUNDY ISLAND* 1895

Ringmore is the prettiest village in this part of South Devon. It lies at the head of the combe, half hidden by the elms and apple trees that cluster about and below its quaint little Early English church. The picturesque appearance of this church is increased by the ivy which is allowed freely to climb the walls, and when I saw it last it was further glorified by a magnificent Virginia creeper which flung its red and gold foliage right over the chancel roof.

By Val Doone 1950

A little inland, in the centre of the high ground between Avon and Erme, stands Ringmore, a thatched and rambling village, for which we have particular, well-ripened affection. It rambles. It has no focal point unless it be its inn, the Journey's End, but its cottages are amongst the most charming in Devonshire to picture and many pleasant and curious things stay in our memories about the place. We remember, for instance, the slow, firm, confident craftsmanship of its thatcher; we remember that until quite recently it housed a reputed witch, and that at summer dusk the long lane leading up to Kingston is luminous with glow worms.

From *THE SOUTH DEVON COAST* by S.H.Burton 1954

Leading left off the road from Bigbury-on-Sea to Bigbury is a footpath to Ringmore. This must on no account be missed for it leads to one of the prettiest villages in Devon with a church of exceptional interest. There are comparatively few spires in Devon but Ringmore has one and it dates back to the thirteenth century at that. No single part of the church appears to be later than that century, also a curiosity for this county. Add to this the superb situation, the combe to the west and Toby's point a mile away and you have the reasons for visiting Ringmore.



SEPTEMBER MEETING

"You've got to pick a pocket or two!" Our September meeting was an insight into the life of a store detective, with Julie Turner as our speaker. Julie has worked in stores from Penzance to Torquay, in both small stores and large supermarkets. The type of crime differs from place to place, and the time of day. Being a store detective has a violent side to it: Julie has been

kicked, punched and had her hair pulled out. But in spite of all the rudeness and aggro, she loved the job. In fact, even in retirement the old skills came back, and she caught a member of staff pinching from a till, reported it and they were duly dealt with.

OCTOBER MEETING

For our meeting on Thursday 8th October (as normal, 8 pm in the Ringmore W.I. Hall), we shall have something rather different when Jules of the Journey's End Inn tells us some of the "The Experience and Tales of a Chef". Sounds tasty! Come along and support our local gourmet.

... AND FINALLY

Are you missing any bowls or china? We have several items of lost property left over from the Summer Meal and Flower Festival. They're in the W.I. Hall, so if they're yours, please claim them, otherwise we'll add them to the next bric-a-brac stall. Ring Jackie on 810520.

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PRESENT Chairman M.Hammond
Cllrs. E.Bohnet J.Deverson B.Lambell J.Parkin
W.Mumford B.Carson
Clerk M.Wood 2 members of the public

APOLOGIES Cllr.J.Reynolds

DECLARATION OF PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS – M.Hammond (Malliker)

OPEN SESSION

Mr T Smith stated that he had spoken to the Chairman of the Parish Room Committee regarding the replacement of the windows and doors and was informed that at present there were insufficient funds to start the work. Once again the Chairman informed Mr. Smith that the Parish Council is only the custodian trustee of the tenant; (the tenant is a charity known as Ringmore Parish Room). The Parish Council is unaware of the day to day running of the Parish Room. The Chairman also confirmed that Cllr. Parkin is on the Committee and has been asked to keep the Council informed of any developments. Cllr. Parkin stated that the last meeting had been held in April and that another has been arranged.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING – Signed as correct.

MATTERS ARISING

Church Clock – All work on the clock is now complete and is fully functional with it showing the correct time and striking the hours.

W.MUMFORD

With regard to the Boundary Commission at the moment there is no progress and the longer the delay could result in either things staying as they are or reverting to the original Exeter unitary concept. However there is to be a court appeal on the 6th October. It is envisaged that in the next financial year government funding could possibly be reduced, so Devon County are working hard to make arrangements if this should happen. Plans have been submitted for the building of a waste incinerator at Lee Mill however it is thought that the heavy traffic this would bring on the A38 would cause congestion and possibly more accidents. Waste incineration is something that must be looked at as the cost of landfill is becoming very expensive. A representative from Devon County will be conducting a review of all the footpaths in the area so that they conform to the rights of way act. Mr.Mumford asked councillors to pass on the use of the 'Fare Car Scheme' which is now wheelchair friendly and will be covering more areas. Regarding the mound of earth opposite End Bohemia, this has been passed on to Highways and they will investigate as soon as possible.

B.CARSON

Progress on the proposed footpath link between Ringmore and St.Anns Chapel is looking positive apart from one small area which is glebe land. After a great deal of discussion parish council agreed that we should try to obtain a price for the cost of this land with a view to purchasing. South Hams are requesting £100 from all parishes in the area with a playground to help with the upkeep; not applicable to Ringmore Parish Council. Mr.Carson stated that there will be a Cluster Meeting on the 13th October where one of the topics for discussion will be sites available to build affordable housing.

ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

Footpath 14 – Cllr.Deverson stated that a meeting has been arranged with Mr.J.Morrison for Tuesday 29th to discuss the grill and the drop drain. He will report further at the next meeting.

PARISH PLAN – The Chairman will arrange a meeting with Cllrs.E.Bonhet and J.Reynolds to discuss points that need to be updated on the plan.

PLANNING

Applications approved –40/1545/09F Higher Manor alterations and extension to dwelling with associated garage block
40/133/09/F Malliker – application for single storey rear conservatory.
Permission Granted – 40/0796/09/LB refurbishment and erection of timber clad lean to house ecological heating system. Middle Manor
40/1001/09/F application for extension and alteration to cottage Hill Cottage Studio

FINANCE

The Chairman stated they had not reviewed the Clerk's salary this year and the Council agreed a 2% increase back dated to May.

Cheques agreed and signed –

John Reid	£60.00
Audit	£138.00
Clerk Salary	£254.99
F.Jarvis	£152.87 (Church Clock Repair)

The Clerk reported that the external audit paperwork had been returned with no problems.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Parish Cleaning Plan – After discussion it was agreed that more support from parishioners is needed. A further item will be placed in the Newsletter.

Bus Shelter – Cllr.Bonhet enquired who owned the shelter – this is the property of the Parish Council; she then asked if it would be

possible to put a Perspex window in to stop the end getting wet and also whether it could be painted inside. Cllrs agreed to look into the matter and asked for proposals for the next meeting taking into consideration that it should remain in keeping with the surrounding area.

Parish Council would like to report that the defibrillator was used for the first time on Challaborough Beach.

A reminder that a skip will be in the village on the 24th October.

An item will be placed in the Newsletter to try to co-opt another Parish Council member.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – DUE TO HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS THE OCTOBER MEETING WILL BE ON THE LAST TUESDAY IN THE MONTH 27TH OCTOBER.

Dear Friends,

RBL Poppy Appeal FILM SHOW 3rd October 2009 7.30pm Bigbury Memorial Hall

'The Man Who Never Was' – James Stevenson has organised the first of this year's Poppy Appeal events, and this superb film will be shown at the Bigbury Memorial Hall on Saturday 3rd October at 07.30pm – doors open at 6.45 pm. It costs £10.00, and includes drinks – I recall a particularly excellent red wine from last year. There will be a 'Bring & Share Supper' - Jo and I will be going and we hope you can join us. Just email me if you want tickets! Or call me on 810693. Or buy them at Holywell Stores. Or phone James on 810151.....

As always, James has chosen an excellent film – and here are some reviews:



A taut, clever, well-made WWII thriller, 13 Aug 2007

In the Fifties Britain produced a number of well made WWII movies that recaptured the valour and victories of British arms. The war was past and the civilian deprivations that had lasted well after the war were going away. It was time to celebrate what Britain had accomplished. The Man Who Never Was is among these movies. It tells the true story of Lt. Cmdr. Ewen Montague (Clifton Webb), a barrister who now is in Naval Intelligence, who has been charged to come up with a scheme that will convince the Germans that the Allies will not mount a major effort to invade Sicily. His solution is named Operation Mincemeat, and involves using a body as a decoy. I won't go into the details because the fun is in seeing just how Montague and his small staff, an aide and a secretary, go about it. But having accomplished their assignment, they are faced with the likelihood that the Germans will try hard to verify what they are being led to believe. The second half of the movie is a tight little drama where Montague has to outwit an Irishman who has become a German agent.

Webb is quite effective playing Montague. There's almost none of the prissiness he brought to most of his roles. He's quiet, determined and smarter than many around him. He has a sharp tongue but seldom shows impatience. It's a nice job. Gloria Grahame plays a young woman who provides an important piece of evidence establishing the body's history, and then unknowingly faces the Irish agent.

In my view, this is a very watchable film that keeps moving at a good pace. Ronald Neame was an experienced, effective director who knew what he was doing. Two of his best films and well worth watching are The Horse's Mouth and Tunes of Glory.

It has an eerie quality which perfectly suits the subject matter, and an emotional kick that delivers in every way. Whatever you think of war and the futility of war, and the waste of dying for your country, this movie reminds one that sometimes small sacrifices change the course of fate. It doesn't shy away from the awfulness of what was required. A beautiful film which captures the meaning of life quite perfectly.

Many thanks for your support for the RBL- the need is as great as ever.

Best wishes

John Simes - Poppy Appeal Organiser

The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal Auction

THE ROYAL BRITISH
LEGION

The annual auction of promises and useful items will be held at the Journey's End Inn, Ringmore on Friday 23 October 2009 at 8.30pm.

Viewing from 6.30pm so why not come and have a meal before the auction starts.

As usual we are pleased to receive useful items or pledges for the auction as variety makes an interesting evening.

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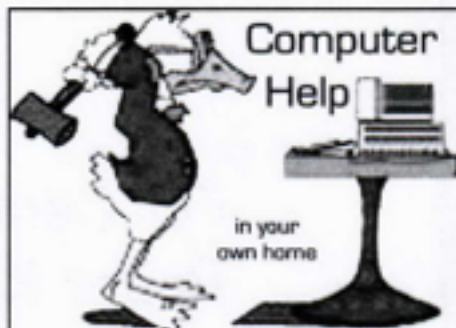
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The long awaited return of the supper club. On October 31st Jules and the JE team will be inviting you to a Halloween supper with the now legendary cut throat (!) £12.50 for 3 course price tag. Pumpkin with feature somewhere and the main course will be the 'witches' choice – fur or feather.... Strictly limited numbers, please call Jules or one of the team at the JE for a ticket. Broomsticks optional!



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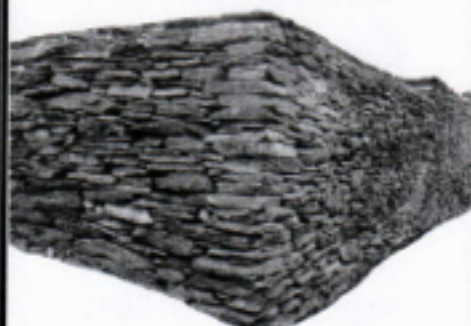
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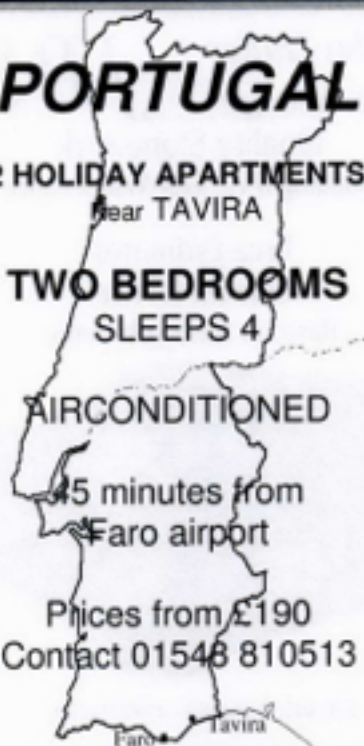
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News from All Hallows

Lay Led Services

From this month onwards, the service on the 3rd Sunday of every month will be led by members of the local congregation. We have no wish to abandon any of the basic ingredients that we think are so important, such as worship, Bible readings, a message, a statement of faith, and prayer, but sometimes we will be aiming to mix these basic ingredients in new ways. If you would like to be involved in helping at any of these services, or have suggestions for their content, do please let me know. In addition do please come and sample these services and let us know what you think, and especially if you live locally but worship in other churches we would love to meet you.

NB. As you will see from the Church page, all services in Ringmore will now be at 9.30 am every Sunday. (Are we the only ones to have ever turned up to church at the wrong time during the former arrangement?)

John and Pam Elliott

A reminder that during the Harvest Lunch we will be bidding farewell to John and Pam. We are so very grateful to both for the sacrificial way in which they have served the whole village of Ringmore faithfully, and we look forward to maintaining our friendship with them for many more years. Many of us attended their last service here – how we will miss John's entertaining but also challenging messages, and Pam's sensitive playing of the hymns and songs.

Harvest Lunch

To be held on October 11 at the Parish Room. At the time of writing there are exactly 3 tickets left, so if you have not yet booked, you may be one of the lucky 3!!

Church Fete

Once again we were hugely blessed by the weather, and we raised the splendid sum of £2,341. This was remarkable since we had the added expenses of hiring the large marquee which enabled teas to be served right on the field; however this was great not only for the visitors but also for the untiring ladies serving tea, who for the first time were actually able to see what was going on. We were also joined for the first time by a group of owls and hawks, and if the birds seemed only vaguely interested in the humans, the humans were more than interested in the birds. We hope to see both marquee and birds again next year. Very many thanks to all those who gave up their time to help before, during, and after the event, to Richard and Lesley for letting us use the Church House facilities, and once again a huge thank you to Phill who masterminded the whole event with his usual efficiency and sense of fun.

Rosemary Piercy.

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Children's Choir

This year the Children's Choir will not start up again until Saturday 7th November, meeting at Barnford as usual. They would welcome any new members from the local villages and they plan to extend their repertoire with new songs, some of which they hope to perform nearer Christmas. If you would like any more information, please contact Adrian Bull (810420) or Alice Thornton (810284).



Carol Singers

This year again during November and December we plan to sing carols at Barnford on Wednesday evenings, starting on 4th November at 7.30 p.m. Anyone from the local villages is welcome and there is no need to be a good singer. Enthusiasm counts for more than talent. In fact if you've even half a mind to come and sing, that will be plenty. This is for enjoyment, not for performance, but we might end up singing down at the pub again. It would be nice to know in advance how many people might be coming, but if you just decide to turn up on the night, that's all right. For more details ring Adrian & Judy Bull on 810420.

The writer recently received the following poem from his grand daughter and he thought it might interest/amuse the readers. Rebecca is 10 and was tasked with word processing a poem at school. The editor leaves to the imagination of the reader who the poem describes!

My very special Grandad

*Grandad, He's a light brown cup of cocoa
with marshmallows sprinkled on the top.*

*He's like a big cuddly panda
and a comfy padded rocking chair.*

*He's like an old teddy bear
that comforts you when you're sad.*

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He is a too big, old fluffy jumper with holes in.

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The Value of a Drink

"Sometimes when I reflect back on all the wine I drink I feel shame. Then I look into the glass and think about the workers in the vineyards and all of their hopes and dreams. If I didn't drink this wine, they might be out of work and their dreams would be shattered. Then I say to myself, "It is better that I drink this wine and let their dreams come true than be selfish and worry about my liver."

- Jack Handy

"I feel sorry for people who don't drink. When they wake up in the morning, that's as good as they're going to feel all day."

-Frank Sinatra

WARNING: The consumption of alcohol may create the illusion that you are tougher, smarter, faster and better looking than most people.

"When I read about the evils of drinking, I gave up reading."

- Henny Youngman

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WARNING: The consumption of alcohol may cause you to think you can sing.

"When we drink, we get drunk. When we get drunk, we fall asleep. When we fall asleep, we commit no sin.

When we commit no sin, we go to heaven. So, let's all get drunk and go to heaven!"

- Brian O'Rourke

WARNING: The consumption of alcohol may cause pregnancy.

- Benjamin Franklin

WARNING: The consumption of alcohol is a major factor in dancing like a retard.

WARNING: The consumption of alcohol may cause you to tell your friends over and over again that you love them.

WARNING: The consumption of alcohol may make you think you are whispering when you are not.

And saving the best for last, as explained by Cliff Clavin of Cheers.

One afternoon at Cheers, Cliff Clavin was explaining the Buffalo Theory to his buddy Norm.

Here's how it went: the herd is hunted, it is the slowest and weakest ones at the back that are killed first. This natural selection is good for the herd as a whole, because the general speed and health of the whole group keeps improving by the regular killing of the weakest members. In much the same way, the human brain can only operate as fast as the slowest brain cells. Excessive intake of alcohol, as we know, kills brain cells. But naturally, it attacks the slowest and weakest brain cells first. In this way, regular consumption of beer eliminates the weaker brain cells, making the brain a faster and more efficient machine. That's why you always feel smarter after a few beers."

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Shoe Box Appeal 2009

Last year we had a truly amazing response to this appeal and sent well over 80 completed boxes on their way to Children in Romania. I am hoping that you will generously support this cause again.

Boxes will be packed in November and there will be more about that in the next Newsletter. Meanwhile I am asking that anyone who buys new shoes in the next few weeks, or indeed goes anywhere near a shoe shop asks for shoe boxes! They need to be medium sized (approx 18 x 30 x 13 cm) and have a separate lid. Now it is also a good time to start collecting wrapping paper and items for inclusion in the boxes. See below for suggestions from Operation Christmas Child.



Yes please, these gifts are fine..

Toys: Bear, soft toy, tennis ball, finger puppet, jigsaw, yo-yo, building blocks, small musical instrument. For boys trucks and cars, for girls dolls, clip on earrings etc.

Educational supplies: Felt pens, pens, pencils, pencil sharpener, eraser, colouring book, notepad, picture or puzzle book, chalk, pencil case, stickers etc.

Hygiene items: Toothbrush, toothpaste, hairbrush, comb, hair clips, bar of soap, flannel etc.

Other items: Sweets (sell by date to be at least March of the following year), gloves, scarf, sunglasses, cap, hat, bangles, necklaces etc.

No thanks, these items should not be included...

No food especially chocolate. Only exception, non chocolate sweets are allowed.

No medicine or vitamins of any kind.

No war related items: Toy guns, soldiers or knives of any kind.

No clothing other than listed above.

No fragile items: Glass containers, mirrors.

No liquids: including blow bubbles, shampoo, bubble bath, toiletry sets or aerosols.

No dangerous items: Any sharp objects, scissors or razors.

Nothing of a political nature.

No hand knitted stuffed toys without a CE mark.

I can be contacted on 810407 should you have any queries or would like me to collect your boxes/donations.

Alison Wynne-Powell

For all of us who feel only the deepest love and affection for the way computers have enhanced our lives, read on.

At a recent computer expo, Bill Gates reportedly compared the computer industry with the auto industry and stated,

If GM had kept up with technology like the computer industry has, we would all be driving \$25 cars that got 1,000 miles to the gallon.'

In response to Bill's comments, General Motors issued a press release stating:

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1. For no reason whatsoever, your car would crash.....twice a day.
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3. Occasionally your car would die on the motorway for no reason. You would have to pull to the side of the road, close all of the windows, shut off the car, restart it, and reopen the windows before you could continue. For some reason you would simply accept this.
4. Occasionally, executing a manoeuvre such as a left turn would cause your car to shut down and refuse to restart, in which case you would have to reinstall the engine.
5. Macintosh would make a car that was powered by the sun, was reliable, five times as fast and twice as easy to drive - but would run on only five percent of the roads.
6. The oil, water temperature, and alternator warning lights would all be replaced by a single 'This Car Has Performed An Illegal Operation' warning light.
7. The airbag system would ask 'Are you sure?' before deploying.
8. Occasionally, for no reason whatsoever, your car would lock you out and refuse to let you in until you simultaneously lifted the door handle, turned the key and grabbed hold of the radio antenna.
9. Every time a new car was introduced, car buyers would have to learn how to drive all over again because none of the controls would operate in the same manner as the old car.
10. You'd have to press the 'Start' button to turn the engine off.

PS - I'd like to add that when all else fails, you could call 'customer service' in some foreign country and be instructed in some foreign language how to fix your car yourself!!!!

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL 2009

It's time of the year again when we ask you all to support our Poppy Appeal This year it runs from 24th October to the 8th November. The full schedule of events is as follows:

Bigbury Poppy Programme	Date
Poppy Film Show – Bigbury Memorial Hall 'The Man Who Never Was' - £10.00 a head – DRINKS INCLUDED – bring & share supper. Tickets from Holywell Stores or call James Stevenson on 810151	Saturday October 3 rd 7.30pm – doors open 6.45 pm
Poppy Auction at the Journey's End	23 rd October
Collecting boxes to traders	24 th October
House to House Collection	24 th October~7 th Nov
The Poppy Circus Golf Challenge – Bigbury Golf Club	Friday 30 th October
	Friday 6 th November
Pie & Pint Festival – Journeys End	6 th , 7 th , 8 th November
Poppy Hash	tbc
Kingston Coffee Morning & Stalls	Saturday 7 November
Remembrance Service at St James the Less, Kingston, followed by Remembrance Lunch at the Dolphin Inn . In support of the Poppy Appeal.	Sunday 8 November

The Poppy Appeal Auction is a brilliant event, always well attended so arrive early at the 'Journey's End', ready to bid for the incredible range of items up for auction. A hilarious and lively evening beckons.

This year's Coffee Morning at Kingston will be the biggest coffee morning ever with the hall covered in camouflage, flags/bunting, Vera Lyn as background music, many more exciting stalls, bric/brac, homemade jams /pickles, wine stall, lucky dip, cakes, books,plants, and exciting raffles with 1 gallon of whisky as top prize along with Guys chicken dinner, and a jam/pickle basket.

Bigbury Golf Club is once again supporting us with two Circus Golf Days – always well attended and well-contested!

Thank you in advance for all your support – let's see if we can get another record total.

John Simes
Poppy Appeal Organiser



RINGMORE TABLE TENNIS CLUB

Although the summer appears to be making a late arrival, the evenings are drawing in and getting cooler which must be a good incentive to participate in some more energetic activities. The table tennis club has been well supported throughout the year so far, with the exception of myself having taken a bit of a back seat, literally, for much of it to date. Numbers fluctuate considerably but there is generally a minimum of six energetic players, usually praying for at least one more so that they can have a rest! More usually there are about nine attending and on occasions as many as fourteen when, apart from the table tennis which is great fun in itself, there are opportunities to watch the various styles and skills of the players and chat with guests and members during half time refreshments. New members will always be welcome, just turn up on Tuesday evening, 7-30 at the Parish Rooms for an evening of good exercise and fun. We look forward to meeting you.

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TOWN QUIZ 2009

Thank you very much to all those who took the trouble to enter the quiz. The answers are below. In some cases there were interesting alternative suggestions and so it was decided to award points to those as follows:

12. Row – half point; 19. Slough & Grays – a point; 31. Willsford – a point; and 49. Bush – half point.

Our favourite answer was Millwall for question 10!

Many congratulations to the following:

The winners: Zeta's Gang and Anne & Geof Dykes with 45, who share the prize

Second: Jan McCarthy, Anthony and Pauline Smith & Woody with 44 1/2

Third: Jane & Richard Nettley-Baker with 43 1/2

Many others were close behind

Your efforts raised £65 for the Ringmore Newsletter.

1. You might find a pattern here	Paisley	26. One hears these cliff jumpers are heavyweight boxing partners	Leamington Spa
2. Most of the lease is reduced in price	Sale	27. Industrial lift needed for Miss Rantzen	Winchester
3. A hat, boot or fine porcelain	Derby	28. Mum OK?	Motherwell
4. Felicity certainly enjoyed the good life	Kendall	29. See me shave & name the vale	Evesham
5. Grandma has a tic	Nantwich	30. A rocky point adds to this mooring place	Torquay
6 Famous house in historic city	York or Lancaster	31. Could this car belong to Mr. Pitt?	Bradford
7. One would expect to see this on the agenda	Ightham	32. A little sweetener for the Godfather	Doncaster
8. See the truth in Wales	Ruthin	33. A first for the Swiss state	Wincanton
9. A senior priest from New Zealand	Bishop Auckland	34. Spielberg shows his years	Stevenage
10. Many tears shed in this terrace	Blubberhouses	35. It happened before this drug for cholesterol	Prestatyn
11. Neither Irish nor Scotch	Rye	36. Did the Earl wear this when sitting on his sofa?	Chesterfield
12. Noisy Argument	Wrangle	37. Which river crossing?	Watford
13. Gammon contains part of a fish	Gillingham	38. Considers this card game	Pondersbridge
14. Sounds like a good place for a date	Callendar	39. Has a fair head of hair	Barnet
15. This unsabtle actor started with a student loan	Grantham	40. Watch your gob!	Eyemouth
16. Plodding painter gone for one	Constable Burton	41. Entrance to mother's garden	Margate
17. Will Nigel lose his marbles?	Elgin	42. Could Dicky & David hail from here?	Attenborough
18. The number's up for these trees	Sevenoaks	43. Small child sounds like a monster	Totnes
19. Take off the skin	Peel	44. How to show your appreciation in London	Clapham
20. Burnt out brewing town	Ashburton	45. Ancient Pomfret takes the cake	Pontefract
21. Was Simply Red's lead born here?	Hucknall	46. Guards feel the chill in this small river	Coldstream
22. Keep fortified wine	Stockport	47. Is Angelica from Scotland or Texas?	Houston
23. His latin charm needs sorting out	Altrincham	48. Oswald & Wesley attempt this in shorts	Oswestry
24. School principal has a tanned hide	Leatherhead	49. The President with the greenest credentials	Lincoln
25. A fruity entrance	Appledore	50 Surround to a greater extent	Ringmore



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What a wonderful Indian summer we have all been enjoying this month, it has meant we have been busy throughout September with record numbers, long may it last! The garden has been full for most meals and all the visitors have been praising Ringmore for the wonderful community we have.

We have a number of winter events returning this month that all of you take part in, the Tuesday quiz nights are set to be fun, and I look forward to putting my grey matter to work! The Ringmore Informal Winter Supper Club has made its booking and we will be hosting a spooky evening, here at the JE.

The Darts will be starting up this month, please come along to watch the matches or even take part, Sean Jones is our Darts organiser so please let me know if you are interested in dusting off your darts and having a go, for fun only!

I need to thank my wonderful team who have made it possible for me to make the JE such a brilliant pub, some have already returned to their studies, but they know who they are. Thank you all so much, it is often going well beyond the call of a summer job and I truly appreciate all your hard work & support.

Winter Diary for the JE

- October 13 - Curry & Quiz Nights commence
- October 23 - British Legion Auction
- Pie & Pint Festival November - 6, 7 & 8
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Quiz and a Curry Anyone?

Starting on October 13th

We are moving the quiz night to a Tuesday evening so we can offer you a great deal, a curry buffet all you can eat for £8.50 and a quiz.

The quiz will start at 8.30pm so that the night does not run so late. We will be serving the buffet from 6.30pm, we hope this encourages more people to join in with this fun pub event.

And of course if you wish to set a quiz please put your name on the list in the pub. Please bear in mind this a fun event for all ages.