# Ringmore Parish Newsletter

#### November 2009

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Deadline: 9am Tuesday 24th November

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Please send items for inclusion in the newsletter to the editorial team c/o: 8 Crossways, Ringmore, TQ7 4HP

e-mail: news@ringmore.net or contact any of the team: Emily 811210, Jane 811218, Gillian 810303, Karen 810382, Sandy / Billy 810572, Lynn 810093

#### DIARY FOR THE MONTH

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

#### November

2/11 Tearfund lunch, W.I Hall 12-2pm

4/11 RBL AGM & Meeting, Dolphin Inn, 7.30pm

4/11 Carols, Barnford, 7.30pm

6.7.8/11 Pie &Pint Festival, JE

7/11 Shoe Box Packing, W.I Hall, 10-1pm

7/11 RBL Coffee Morning & Stalls, Kingston

7/11 Children's Choir, Barnford, 10.30-11.30am

8/11 Remembrance Lunch, Dolphin

11/11 Carol singing, Barnford, 7.30pm

12/11 W.I AGM, W.I Hall, 7,30pm

14/11 Musical Evening in Bigbury Church 7pm Tickets

from Challaborough Cottage

15/11 SWDCA Autumn Lunch, Bigbury Mem. Hall, 12.30

14/11 Children's Choir, Barnford, 10.30-11.30am

17/11 Parish Council meeting, W.I Hall, 7pm

18/11 Historical Soc. AGM, W.I Hall, 7.30pm

18/11 Carol singing, Barnford, 7.30pm

18/11 First Aid Training, W.I Hall, 7.30pm

21/11 Children's Choir, Barnford, 10.30-11.30am

21/11 Informal Winter Supper Club

25/11 Carol singing, Barnford, 7.30pm

28/11 Children's Choir, Barnford, 10.30-11.30am

28/11 Turkey Tasting, Holywell Stores, 10-4pm

#### December

4/12 Church clean, Church! 10am

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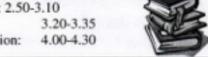
St Ann's Chapel:

2.30-2.45

Ringmore Church: 2.50-3.10

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#### November Sudoku

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#### CHURCH SERVICES IN NOVEMBER

	Big bury	Kingston	Ring more		
Control Military	11.00 am	9.30 am	9.30 am		
1st November	Family Communion	Family Service	Family Service		
8 <sup>th</sup> November	Part of the second seco	10.50 am Remembrance Service			
15th November	Family Service	Holy Communion (BCP)	Family Service		
22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Holy Communion & Baptism	Family Service	Family Communion		
29th November	10.30 am Team Family Communion in Aveton Gifford				

#### Remember, remember . . . what?

November is the month for Remembrance, with special services across the country to commemorate those who fought and died in the two World Wars and in conflicts since. We remember the bravery of those who were prepared to sacrifice everything for their fellow men and women, and Armistice, the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month, reminds us of the dangers Britain has faced in the past.

As time passes, memories become stories and vivid experiences become history. The recent death of Harry Patch at the grand old age of 111 severs the link with those who fought in World War I. Those under the age of 70 have no memory of world wars or National Service; military life is often a closed book. The Royal British Legion now welcomes men and women of all ages, whether they have served in the Armed Forces or not (hint, hint!).

If we merely commemorate an event in history, we are likely to end up with that other November act of remembrance, Guy Fawkes Day. In January 1606, before the plotters had even been tried and executed, an Act of Parliament was passed to appoint 5<sup>th</sup> November in each year as a day of thanksgiving for "the joyful day of deliverance" of the King and Parliament, with everyone required to attend church and ponder on the way they had been saved from "slaughter in a most barbarous and savage manner".

We still rejoice on 5th November (even if unsure why), with bonfires, fireworks and festivities. But the deliverance bit has been long forgotten. Guy Fawkes is just one of our traditions, part of our national heritage, an event in history.

But Remembrance Sunday is not a history lesson. Oppression and terrorism are today's realities, and men and women are killed and wounded in conflicts across the world. Have we not been moved by the funeral processions in Wootton Bassett, as soldiers killed in Afghanistan are laid to rest?

True "remembrance" means honouring the bravery and sacrifice of those involved in the wars and conflicts of the past, but it also means committing ourselves to serve God and our neighbour: the two "great commandments". And our neighbour is not just the person next door, but anyone we come across who needs our help and friendship.

So should we change the name to "Commitment Sunday"? It would emphasise our task to serve God and our neighbour, but we need also to remember with gratitude those who have fought in the past; they serve as an example and inspiration to us. May we be worthy followers.

Michael Tagent

Michael

Team Rector: The Revd Neil Barker (830260) Team Vicar: The Revd Mike Jefferires (550841) Team Reader: Michael Tagent (810520)

#### DESERT SONG

Several Ringmorians recently spent a very enjoyable evening at the Sherwell Centre in Plymouth attending an excellent concert of music by Haydn, Debussy, Mendlessohn and Shaun Bracey played by the Aquinas Piano Trio. They were described in the Evening Herald review as warranting "...a triple A rating... .. accomplished, artistic and assured." Those who know Shaun, and many will recall his days serving behind the bar at the Journey's End, may be interested in the review of his piece:
"It might have seemed odd to include a work written in 1997 in such an otherwise traditional programme, but Dorset- based Shaun Bracey's Desert Song fitted the bill admirably. This highly evocative Dubai- inspired snapshot showed the hand of a skilled and practised composer in every respect, crafting such an eminently enjoyable and effective piece"

Ann Bracey (a proud Mum!).

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#### Thank you all

The 24th Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal Auction was held at the Journey's End Inn, Ringmore on Friday 23 October with a great crowd of local supporters, both old (in terms of support) and new, raising a total of £2960.



As last years total was £3002 a figure anywhere this seemed impossible in the current economic climate. However, especially generous contributions of both pledges and really, really useful items combined with spirited bidding surpassed expectations and there is still an opportunity to beat last years total. Due to a senior moment by the auction organiser, two of the favourite lots were left stranded on the beach. Fryer Tuck's fish and chips with wine were missing from the auction. To avoid disappointing those who regularly bid for these popular lots, they will now be offered for sale by 'sealed informal tender' in two lots. Lot 1 is a bottle of red wine, Vega Robledo 2005 tempranillo with a voucher for fish and chips for two attached. Lot 2 is a bottle of white wine, Les Jamelles Viognier 2008 with an identical voucher. If you would like to bid for these, please write your name and contact details, with the price you wish to pay, indicating which lot you are bidding for, on a piece of paper and send or give it to Alan McCarthy, Orchard House, Ringmore, TQ7 4HJ, The closing date for receipt is Thursday 19 November.

The envelopes will be opened in the Journey's End Inn on Friday 20 November 2009 at 7.30pm, with the highest bidders winning. In the event of a tie, names will be pulled out of a hat(or box). Rather an unusual end to a truly enjoyable auction.

Thanks to everyone who took part.

Alan McCarthy Auction Organiser.

The next Branch meeting will follow the AGM which is to be held at the Dolphin Inn, Kingston on Wednesday 4 November at 7.30pm

#### David Young

David's passing has been felt by the whole community, but his support, wisdom, generosity and gentleness will be greatly missed by the Royal British Legion.

#### "FOOD, GLORIOUS FOOD!"

At our October meeting, we were privileged to have Juliet Kane, owner of the Journey's End Inn, Ringmore, telling us of the trials and enjoyment of training and being a chef in London restaurants, before coming to Ringmore. Jules told us of times when the head chef would reject a plate because the meat or the sauce wasn't quite right, so the team starts preparing the dish all over again. And all the time you are working very much against the clock; the customer must not be kept waiting too long or the complaints start. Time is of the essence. One of the amusing incidents, of which there have been many over the years, was the customer who ordered "steak tartare" and called over the head waiter to complain that the steak was rare! In the 16/17 years since Jules started as a chef, new dishes like sea bass and wild mushrooms have appeared on menus.

NOVEMBER: AGM AND 85TH BIRTHDAY

This year's AGM is on Thursday 12th November, starting at 7.30 pm. This is the chance that every member has to elect the officers and committee for the coming year, so come and make sure your voice is heard! The AGM will be followed by wine and cheese, plus a special Birthday Cake to celebrate our 85th anniversary.

#### CHRISTMAS EVE WITH BIGBURY FAYRE !

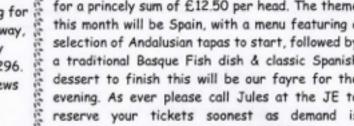
Bigbury Fayre will be holding the annual Carolls On The Green this Christmas Eve, with the usual Mulled Wine and Mince Pies. We are also looking for musicians as our usual family have now moved away, so if you are interested in joining our merry musicians please let Angie Carson know on 801296. We will give an update in next months local news magazines.

Many Thanks Bigbury Fayre

Informal Ringmore Winter Club. Supper November Gathering Saturday 21st Nov 2009

Once again Jules and the

brigade at the JE have agreed a 3 course supper for a princely sum of £12.50 per head. The theme this month will be Spain, with a menu featuring a selection of Andalusian tapas to start, followed by a traditional Basque Fish dish & classic Spanish dessert to finish this will be our fayre for the evening. As ever please call Jules at the JE to reserve your tickets soonest as demand is expected to be high. You may display your castanets



Don't dread the onset of winter!! It means it's time for

#### TEARFUND LUNCHES

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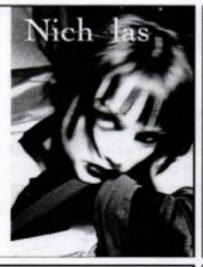


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#### DAVID YOUNG

David was born at Tarlton Manor, near Cirencester on the 7th Oct 1924 and his mother said when he was born the clouds had a silver lining. They moved to college farm the youngest of 4 children, Cirencester where David began his adventures by riding his tricycle over the edge of a ledge in a barn. Luckily he did not hurt himself too badly and his exclamation of bum' me 'ead an' bi' me tongue was met with words from his mother "never mind dear have a banana." He went to Kings school, Bruton in Somerset, where he bet that he could eat a jar of marmite for a bar of chocolate. He used to tell us about the older boys making a canon from drainpipe and firing it over the buildings, a chap called Slaughter was involved which always made him laugh. Life changed for David when he went to HMS Conway in 1940 to 42 to learn his seamanship from where he entered the merchant navy. At the age of 17 he became involved in the war and during the Malta convoy, Operation Pedestal, his ship the Empire Hope was bombed and sunk. After while in the water where he was supporting fellow seamen, he was rescued and taken to Malta on HMS Penn (the escort ship to the American tanker Ohio). On the day of the feast of Santa Maria the remains of the convoy sailed into Malta to give welcome supplies of food and fuel. He was taken back to Gibralta and then to college farm to the surprise of his parents, wearing a loud checked jacket and carrying any possessions in a pillow case. They thought he had been killed. He then went onto troop carriers, and spent some time with Shell and after the war with Ben Line Steamers. His work took him all over the world but the Far East held his interest greatly, especially Penang and so he settled down to life as a harbour pilot in 1955. Before this he had met Andrea through his brother Peter and Andrea's sister Jill, and in June 1956 they were married in Lechlade, Gloucestershire. They then moved to Penang immediately after the honeymoon. In 1957 their son Hugh was born and their daughter Phillipa in 1961. David became deeply involved in the community of Penang as he has done here in Ringmore, especially St George's Church where he was treasurer along with Andrea as secretary for many years. David and Andrea lived in Penang for 30 years of a very happy and productive life. He formed his own company of Trident Malaysia, marine surveying and private pilotage in a small port called Lumut on the west coast south of Penang. Other pilotage work took place on the east coast as well. Unfortunately his business partner died in the early days of the company and he had to spend so much time nursing the new business to success, a tribute to his common sense and tenacity. By 1990 David and Andrea had returned to England, retiring firstly to Lechalde, when he joined the Honourable Company of Master Mariners, the George Cross Island Association and the HMS Conway where they made many close friends. Then the decision was made to move closer to the sea in Devon. His love of the sea and business led him to own a large fishing boat to be converted to a diving support, cable laying and leisure vessel. His skills as a Master Mariner, and his enthusiasm for the sea made him a first call for those wanting to sail further afield than the mouth of the estuary. In 1987 David and Andrea bought Hillside house and moved permanently to Ringmore in 1990. Not long after he became a member and was chairman of the Bigbury, Ringmore and Kingston, Royal British Legion for a number of years. He remained deeply involved with country matters, supporting the hunt and taking part in local shoots. A number of years was also spent as Neighbourhood watch co-ordinator which he took very seriously also Modbury Caring for whom he drove those who were unable to drive wishing to go to the surgery.

David was a gentle, generous man, with a quiet sense of humour and cared very much for the people around him; his friends and family.

Andrea, Hugh, Phillipa and the family would like to thank everyone, yet again, for their great kindness this time over the death of David.

We miss him dreadfully and if it hadn't been for your help and concern for us and fondness for David, I don't know how we could manage.

Ringmore is a very special, one-off village because of its caring people.

Andrea

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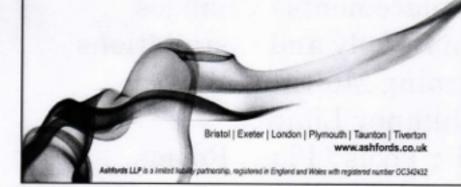
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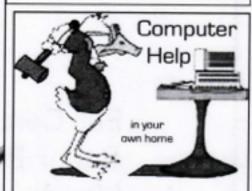
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#### Harvest lunch

The Parish Room was bursting at the seams as over 70 of us squeezed in to sample Jules' delicious cold buffet. Once we were sitting down there suddenly and mysteriously seemed to be plenty of room, which was as well since most of us probably expanded by several inches. During the meal John and Pam Elliott were presented with a powered golf trolley and a huge bouquet of flowers respectively plus a donation towards the purchase of a Satnav. For once John seemed lost for words! It was clear too that we shall all feel a sense of loss now that John and Pam are no longer leading the church in Ringmore.

For 2 sad reasons John has not yet been able to retire completely, since by the time you read this there will have been 2 funerals that only he could conduct. At the same time we give grateful thanks for the lives of:

#### David Young:

David was known all over the village for his gentle smile and genuine concern for others, his readiness to listen, his patience, and his sense of fun. We can only imagine how much Andrea, their family and friends will miss him, as will those of us who used to meet him regularly as we walked around the village or dropped into the pub. Being with David was pure pleasure.

#### Jim Dodds

Jim's sudden death has also left a huge gap in Ringmore. He and Ella were endlessly hospitable and in spite of failing health he too had such a great sense of fun. Many of us have reason to be profoundly grateful for Jim and Ella's support and their readiness to help at any time in spite of their busy lives. As I write it is incredibly hard to believe that he is no longer with us.

#### Lay Services

Very many thanks to all of you who supported the first of our regular lay led services. We are learning as we go along, and the success of these services will depend on some honest feedback. So please come to the next service on November 15, and if you have any ideas for future services, or would like to be involved in some way, do please let me know. This is an invitation to ALL of you, not just "regular" churchgoers!

#### Thanks

To all those who decorated the church for the Harvest Festival and made it look so warm and welcoming, and to Phill for his tireless work on the churchyard – one of his many many local tasks.

#### Friends of Ringmore

Many thanks to all of you who support our church; we could not manage without you. Watch this page in future editions for news of a forthcoming event next year for all current Friends and possible future ones as well.

#### Church Clean

This will take place on Saturday December 4. All you volunteers will be very welcome to join us from 10.00 am onwards, armed with your favourite cleaning things. It really is an enjoyable morning!

Rosemary Piercy 810253 candrpiercy@btinternet.com



#### Parish Council

Since 1983, Mr. Tom Woodall has conscientiously kept the edges of our village lanes free from litter and mud. He has now retired and the Parish Council will be writing to thank him for the care he has taken of the village. We now need somebody to take over this work. It involves 5 hours work a week and is paid at the normal agricultural wage. Anyone interested in the job should contact Mr.Gy Eddy.

20 YEARS AGO

A large tree at Wesbury was brought down in a gail and blocked the road. It was cleared by Richard Parraton (of Lower Manor Farm) who left his lunch and brought his tractor to the scene.



# Thank You



#### To all our generous friends in Ringmore

14th October 2009

Dear Friends.

Our farewell Harvest Lunch was a brilliant send off after our eight years in Ringmore. The extravagant surprise gifts of a powered golf trolley, the purchasing power to choose the right aide to navigate across Europe on driving holidays and the flowers for Pam took our breath away, and just for once John was rendered speechless. We are so grateful and moved by your generosity and kindness. Not everyone could be at the Lunch, nor could all those who donated sign the card, so we take this opportunity to thank everyone who made a contribution to the retirement gifts

Letters, cards and conversations have made us very aware of the privileges we have enjoyed in being part of the community. We are very conscious of the friendships made across the whole range of village activities and personal beliefs. We regularly felt challenged by the care and compassion, often in practical kindness, shown by many in the village.

Thankfully we remain nearish neighbours and close to the Parish: so may God bless all in Ringmore as you seek to keep Community, with Church as part of it, working together so that the village continues to be a warm welcoming and wonderful place to live. Our lives have certainly been enriched by yours. We will remember the eight years before retirement with fondness, and we look forward hoping that the best is yet to come.

YOURS.

John & Pam Ellíott,

## RINGMORE DEFINITELY HAS TALENT

Having tweaked out the talent that has been hidden behind closed doors in Ringmore examples of it were exhibited in a very full W. I. Hall on Saturday the 17th October in the first Ringmore Creativity Exhibition. The result was amazing; some twenty six residents displayed their work that ranged from baby gear, nursery co-ordinates, children's reading scheme and toys, through many paintings,



ceramics. a variety of jewellery, textiles, sugar icing flowers, photographs, a metal guitar to books on philosophy. The interest on the day was good and a steady flow of people, from Ringmore and beyond, came to admire the exhibits; when they had finished looking around to have a drink and a slice of wonderful culinary creativity by several ladies and a gent of the village. We would like to give a big thank you to all those who participated, some very reluctant initially, and in particular the many helpers who turned up on Friday and Saturday to mount the exhibition and provide the refreshments. From feedback it appears to have been a great success.

Thank you all,

Alison Wynne Powell, Judy Bull and John Bracey

#### RINGMORE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup> AT 7.30 IN THE WI HALL

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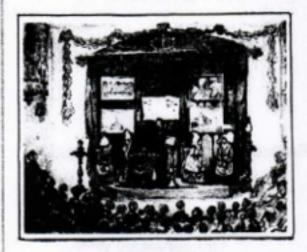
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#### RINGMORE HISTORICAL SOCIETY



The Ringmore Historical Society was founded in 1984 by a small group of village residents. Their aims were to research and record the history of the village and its people, to preserve and catalogue interesting and relevant documents, and to provide a useful source of information by publishing items of historical interest relating to the past life of

Ringmore and its people.

The Society has flourished for twenty-five years, steadily achieving its aims and establishing itself as a significant part of village life. It has an ever-growing archive of documents, illustrations and photographs, and has published a range of booklets on topics such as the houses of Ringmore, All Hallows' church and graveyard, and the memories of former inhabitants. Further publications in preparation include extracts from the writings of Prebendary F.C. . Hingeston-Randolph, Rector of All Hallows from 1860-1910 and a major benefactor to Ringmore, a book about the village in general, a second instalment of Ringmore Remembered, and A Brief Chronology of Ringmore, dating from the thirteenth century to the present day. Old photographs of the village are produced for sale as postcards from time to time as well as a very attractive Parish Map.

The Society is managed by a small committee that arranges three or four Meetings annually at which illustrated talks, usually on local themes, are given by guest speakers. The Meetings take place in the WI Hall each month from January to April. They are informal and congenial occasions,

concluding with a glass of wine.

Every summer, usually in June, there is a visit to a local or West Country place of interest such as a National Trust house, a Museum, or an historical site. This always includes a pre-booked lunch or cream tea. The committee also organizes occasional 'events' for the whole village; for example, the Village Photograph and Beach Picnic celebrating the Society's twenty-first year of activity, and the Measuring of the Yew Tree, to mention just two past 'events'.

Items of material in the Society's archive can be made available, usually by photocopy, to people (visitors as well as residents) who may be seeking information about the past of the village, its church, houses and buildings, farms and land, its former and gravestones, inhabitants. burials institutions and traditions. Similarly, the Society is always pleased to receive relevant information or archive material, either as

photocopying or in its original form.

Requests for information should be addressed initially to the Society's archivist: Barry Old, End House, tel. 01548 810359. The Society currently has 40+ members. New members are very warmly welcome. Anyone wishing to know more, or to join the Society, may like to come to the AGM to be held on 18 November 2009 at 7.30pm in the WI Hall, or to the first 2010 Meeting, which is on 20 January. Reminders of all Meetings and events are given in the Newsletter and on posters in the village.

Di Collinson







#### Jim Dodds: Ministers Talk

It has been my privilege to know Jim as a friend for the last Eight years of his 74 on this earth, which included 46 years happily married to Ella and 47 living in Ringmore.

It all started in Jim's much loved Northumberland, he was the youngest of three sons, born into a farming family.

Jim left the North in his early 20's and went to Agricultural College in Shropshire, it was during a visit home to Glanton that Jim met Ella at one of the Whittingham Dances, and romance blossomed. 4 years later they were married and moved to Devon to farm Lower Manor Farm here in Ringmore.

Happy Days followed with the arrival of three bonny daughters, first Debbie followed by Sarah and Rebecca.

It was here on the steep hills of Lower Manor that Jim began to show us all his true skills as a stockman. He was gifted in his ability to train and bring on young sheepdogs which he will have done for several of you who are here today.

After his wife and family, you will all know that Jim's passion were horses. His summer evenings at the farm were tirelessly spent breaking in and schooling horses. He was a keen follower of the Modbury Harriers Hunt and was regularly seen out hunting on a variety of horses with his three daughters accompanying him. This led onto him training his own point to pointers, which always gave him great pleasure. To this day he was a dedicated member of the point-to-point committee and could be found each year at Flete Lodge Gate, directing the lorries and welcoming people to the Course.

Jim's other love were his Suffolk Sheep and when he needed another ram he would always venture back to Northumberland to his Cousin Artie who knew exactly where the best rams could be found.

Pam remembers talking with Jim about the passage we had read so well today by Harriet, it opened with the words "My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me " The girls added to that memory when they said that their Dad even last week when moving sheep back to Grahams said " I'll do it, they'll follow me "

That is the essence of that passage that in my view is why the angels at the first Christmas went out to the Shepherds. They knew that they had a calling to look after their flock, and could not hike in for Evensong at a set time, or Communion at 11.00 in the morning.

After 21 years at Lower Manor, Jim and Ella moved up to Ayrmer House where Jim set up his own business as a Farrier, with his real talent for horses, he loved travelling around to do this work.

After retiring early due to ill health, and I could be in trouble with local farmers here, Jim showed an unusual quality for a born and bred farmer. He would help Ella in the kitchen and serve breakfasts for their Bed and Breakfast guests, but this was with the proviso that he could spend most afternoons watching the Racing on the Racing Channel.

It was more about life style and wonder at the beauty of the creation. Jim had that, even if with the best view of the sea in Ringmore, he was never too keen to get into it.

In these later years the arrival of grandchildren, who he loved dearly added to this quality of life. Space was made for regular travel with Australia, South Africa and Spain all featuring and enjoyed immensely.

Having lived in Ringmore for 47 years Jim has a special place in many people's lives here, with the way he welcomed people into the village and in particular with the stories he would tell in that distinctive Northumbrian accent.

Ella. Debbie, Sarah. and Rebecca would like to thank everyone for the overwhelming support since Jim's sudden death. Everyone has been so generous with letters, cards, flowers and amazing food to help us with our difficult time. What an incredible village we live in. Thank you all so much.

Isn't it the pits? Just when you think you've got life sorted somebody comes up with a Ringmore version of "The Prisoner". This bouncing orb fell off the back of a lorry on Thursday evening 8th October at about 6.15pm, somewhere between the Church and Little Westbury. It then bounced down the road making noises like Zebedee...Boing...Boing, it missed parked cars by the bus stop and kept on going down the hill, past Barnford and wedged against the wall of "The Barn". One more nudge and it would have been ordering a pint in the Journey's End. (see pictures) Fortunately there was no damage and no one was hurt.

Courtesy of Richard Baker





#### Before marriage...

He: Yes. At last. It was so hard to wait.

She: Do you want me to leave? He: No! Don't even think about it.

She: Do you love me?

He: Of course! Over and over.

She: Have you ever cheated on me?

He: No! Why are you even asking?

She: Will you kiss me?
He: Every chance I get.
She: Will you hit me?

He: Are you crazy? I'm not that sort of person!

She: Can I trust you?

He: Yes She: Darling!

#### After marriage...

Simply read from bottom to top.

Sent in by Julie

There will be a first aid training session on Wednesday 18th November at the W.I Hall 7.30pm



All welcome.

Please register your interest with Sandy 810572

Inside Julie Linzell's Birthday card:

#### Mum you're just like a box of chocolates Sweet and sometimes a bit nutty!

The Darwin Awards - 2009

Yes, it's that magical time of year again when the Darwin Awards are bestowed, honoring the least evolved among us. Here is the glorious winner:

 When his 38 caliber revolver failed to fire at his intended victim during a hold-up in Long Beach California, would-be robber James Elliot did something that can only inspire wonder. He peered down the barrel and tried the trigger again. This time it worked.

And now, the honorable mentions:

2. The chef at a hotel in Switzerland lost a finger in a meat cutting machine and after a little shopping around, submitted a claim to his insurance company. The company expecting negligence sent out one of its men to have a look for himself. He tried the machine and he also lost a finger. The chef's claim was approved...

A man who shovelled snow for an hour to clear a space for his car during a blizzard in Chicago returned with his vehicle to find a woman had taken the space.

'Understandably', he shot her.

4. After stopping for drinks at an illegal bar, a Zimbabwean bus driver found that the 20 mental patients he was supposed to be transporting from Harare to Bulawayo had escaped. Not wanting to admit his incompetence, the driver went to a nearby bus stop and offered everyone waiting there a free ride. He then delivered the passengers to the mental hospital, telling the staff that the patients were very excitable and prone to bizarre fantasies. The deception wasn't discovered for 3 days.

#### RINGMORE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY 27TH OCTOBER 2009 WI HALL 7.00PM

PRESENT

Chairman M.Hammond, Cllrs. J.Deverson B.Lambell J.Parkin, Clerk M.Wood, 1 member of the public, B.Carson.

APOLOGIES

W.Mumford E.Bohnet J.Reynolds

Members of Ringmore Parish Council held one minutes silence in memory of David Young and Jim Dodds

#### DECLARATION OF PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS - none

OPEN SESSION - Nothing to report

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING - Signed as correct.

MATTERS ARISING

Parish Room - Cllr J.Parkin, as representative for the Parish Council, attended a Parish Room Committee Meeting. He informed the council that at present there was insufficient funds to carry out the refurbishment of the hall and applications for grants are being submitted. If grants are not available then work will be done in stages and a series of fund raising events will be arranged.

Glebe Land - this matter is now progressing with Devon County Council, South Hams District Council and the Exeter Diocese. A letter will be sent to Tim Pollard South Hams asking him if he would keep

Ringmore Parish Council up to date on this subject.

Footpath 14 - Cllr Deverson attended a meeting with Jim Morrison and Mrs.Purdy regarding this footpath. Mr.Morrison agreed to place a grill at the top end of the pipe but the matter of the drop drain is still

pending.

Parish Cleaning – Cllr.Lambell was asked to contact Chris Lucas to obtain the schedule for the mechanical road sweeper. Cllr.Deverson will obtain the schedule for the parish lengthsman. A list of areas in the parish which need special attention will be produced and when each area is going to be tackled the owners of property nearby will be asked to help.

Bus Shelter - Item to be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

Mound of Earth opposite End Bohemia – We are still awaiting a report from Highways to assess whether it can be removed, however Council do not want this all removed so as to become another parking bay, but sufficient clearing to allow two wellie bins to be placed on collection days. The Chairman will take some photographs to show Highways what we require.

#### BRIAN CARSON

Cllr Carson stated that South Hams District Council income had decreased due to a reduction in car parking charges and ways of saving money were being considered.

One of the options was for Parishes with play areas to contribute £100 towards the upkeep which includes inspections for Health and Safety, insurance and general maintenance and repairs, but there have been some objections to this charge.

Mr.Carson went on to outline the budget situation giving details and percentages

of costs for various departments i.e police refuse collections etc. Mr.Carson was asked if the residents parking permit would carry on to which he explained that this was on a trial 12 month period with no decision reached as yet.

#### ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

Cllr.Deverson was asked to look at the vent pipe on Rectory Lane which appears of some historical interest with a view to repair and paint it.

Cllr.Lambell was asked to finalise the situation regarding the Cockle Lane footpath

#### PARISH PLAN

The Chairman held a meeting with Cllrs.Bohnet and Reynolds to discuss the Parish Plan and its forward planning. A list was produced of issues that need updating, a copy was given to each Cllr. who were asked to report on items applicable to them at the next meeting in November. It was suggested that the Parish Plan could be re-issued every two years. Also the Parish Plan will be placed in each welcome pack.

#### PLANNING

Permission Granted for application 40/1330/09/F Single storey rear conservatory

Malliker Ringmore

FINANCE

Cheque agreed and signed for £30 Ringmore Property and Garden Maintenance for Darkie Lane tree

pruning.

#### ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Chairman reported on the Cluster Meeting held in Kingsbridge. This covered a number of subjects such as local development framework, housing strategy, code of conduct and play area management. He stated that the areas covered were only as far as Aveton Gifford and did not involve Bigbury, Kingston or Ringmore. He therefore thought that it would be more beneficial to attend the Ivybridge Cluster Group which would at least include Modbury. The clerk was asked to write to Darrell White of South Hams Council to obtain an invitation to attend the next Ivybridge Meeting.

Vacancy for Casual Parish Council member - Sarah Hitchmough has shown an interest in this position and has been asked to attend the next meeting.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING 17<sup>th</sup> November 2009 PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO COUNCIL MEETING IN DECEMBER

#### Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> November Packing of Shoe boxes

Thank you very much to all those who have already generously given or promised items for the shoe box appeal and special thanks to Rosemary Wilson who is so kindly covering boxes as fast as they can be found!

Shoe boxes are hard to come by at this time of year, but please keep asking as we still need more.

If you wish to contribute to the appeal you can do so in any of these ways:-

- Filling a whole shoe box for a boy/girl in age groups 2-4, 5-9, and 10-14, choosing items from the list below
- Contributing single items for any of the age groups
- Donating money that will cover transportation costs (Operation Christmas Child asks for a contribution of £2.50 per box) or buy extra items for the shoe boxes

#### 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.

Contributions can be either left with Judy (810420) or Alison (810407), or brought to the WI Hall between 10am and 1pm on **Saturday** 7<sup>th</sup> **November**. Packing the shoe boxes will then take place from 2.30pm onward. We would be very grateful for any offers of help from both children and adults.

with thanks - Alison Wynne-Powell and Judy Bull

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#### New faces at the JE

As some of you may know it has been quite a turbulent time on the staffing front at the pub, but finally everything is falling into place. I take this opportunity to introduce our new head Chef Alistair Stewart, he came to the JE as a temporary cover chef but luckily for all of us has decided to stay put. If you have not sampled Alistair's delicious food please do come along, his menu is influenced by the flavours of Spain where he lived and worked for seven years.

For me he is a welcome addition to my management team.

We also take this opportunity to welcome Tom Robson, who is our new bar man. He will be living at the pub so we welcome him not only to the JE but also the village as well. He has a great understanding of caring for real ale so the Doombar will be kept to perfection as always! Please introduce yourself to our new team members when you get a chance as they want to get to know their locals too.

#### WEEKLY WINTER EVENTS

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