

# Ringmore Parish Newsletter

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THE MONTH AFTER CHRISTMAS  
author unknown

Twas the month after Christmas, and all through the house  
Nothing would fit me, not even a blouse.  
The cookies I'd nibbled, the eggnog I would taste  
At the holiday parties had gone to my waist.

When I got on the scales there arose such a number!  
When I walked to the store it was less a walk than a lumber.  
I remembered the marvellous meals I'd prepared;  
The gravies and sauces and beef nicely rare.

The wine and the rum balls, the bread and the cheese  
And the way I'd never said, "None for me, please."  
As I dressed myself in my husband's old shirt  
And prepared once again to do battle with dirt.

I said to myself, as only I can  
"You can't spend another winter disguised as a man!"  
So - away with the last of the sour cream dip,  
Get rid of the fruit cake, every cracker and chip.

Every last bit of food that I like must be banished  
Till all the additional ounces have vanished.  
I won't have a cookie - not even a lick.  
I'll chew only on long celery sticks.

I won't have hot biscuits, or corn bread, or pie,  
I'll munch on a carrot and quietly cry.  
I'm hungry, I'm lonesome, and life is a bore  
But isn't that what January is for?

Unable to giggle, life's no longer a riot.  
Happy New Year to all and to all a good diet!

## Rainfall by Eleanor and Grace Purdy

Last Month:

10 year average:

10 year high:

10 year low:

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## DIARY FOR THE MONTH

Tuesday: Table Tennis, 7.30pm (Parish Room)

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

### January 2010

14/01 W.I Meeting, W.I Hall 8pm

19/01 Parish Council Meeting, W.I Hall 7pm

21/01 Inter Parish Quiz, J.E, 8pm

27/01 Whist Drive, W.I Hall, 7.30

30/01 SWDCA Pate & Pud, Dove Barn, 12.30pm

We look forward to welcoming Gavin & Hilary to village life as they move into 'Carmel', now renamed 'Hilltop'. Gavin & Hilary have moved from nearby Easton and Gavin is a local electrician so their faces may be familiar.

## Village Christmas Tree

Grateful thanks to Hilary & Dane, Holywell Stores, for once again supplying this year's splendid Village Christmas Tree. Situated at the entrance to the church and Village it made a very welcoming sight to anyone coming into the village, especially during the evenings. Special thanks also to Alan McCarthy & Adrian Bull for putting up the tree. I know Alan also had to spend a lot of time and effort sorting out the lights which, as has been commented to me by some villagers, looked the best ever.

Phill Errett

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	Bigbury	Kingston	Ringmore
	11.00 am	9.30 am	9.30 am
3 <sup>rd</sup> January	Family Communion	Family Communion	Family Service
10 <sup>th</sup> January	Family Service	Family Service	Family Service
17 <sup>th</sup> January	Family Service	Holy Communion (BCP)	Family Service
24 <sup>th</sup> January	Holy Communion (BCP)	Family Service	Family Communion
31 <sup>st</sup> January	Team Service in Ringmore (10.30 am)		

Dear All.

Happy New Year!  
(or is it?)



Some people find themselves sad at this time of year: Seasonal Affective Disorder sometimes known as the Winter Blues can be linked to the shorter days of winter.



In that sadness there seems to be a shadow over everything. But now the shortest day is past and days are getting longer. The future is brighter – certainly in terms of the daylight we can expect and maybe in other ways too....

This month the church is still celebrating; we seem to make a habit of it as we become more sensitive to the brightness of glory which eyes of faith can detect. We have only just finished Christmas and now we celebrate Epiphany.

When cartoon characters get a good idea, or realise what is going "clicks" and suddenly makes sense, they are often shown with a light bulb above their heads – (sorry it's not an energy efficient one, but then they are bright are they?)



on, or it  
bulb above  
not quite so  
bright are they?)

You will have had the same experience in your life on a number of occasions when the fog of confusion lifted and you saw clearly. You moved from darkness to light. This is what Epiphany is all about – the light bulb moment. Wise men followed the light of a star, and somehow recognised God in a baby; others wondered more deeply when faced with miracles; disciples saw something unique in Jesus and decided that following him was worth more than anything else.

John Newton reflected on Epiphany in his life in the hymn "Amazing grace", when he wrote: *"I once was lost, but now am found, was blind but now I see."*

Our God specialises in revelation, he'll help UC.

Have a go at this dingbat to help you towards Epiphany:  
Answer on next page.

stand  
now!

Neil Barker

Team Rector: The Revd Neil Barker (830260: not available on Mondays)  
Team Vicar: The Revd Mike Jeffries (550841 : not available on Thursdays)  
Team Reader: Michael Tagent (810520)



## REPORT FROM THE W.I

Our December meeting is traditionally the Christmas Dinner, held each year at the Journeys End Inn in Ringmore. As always, Jules, ably supported by her team, served members and their husbands and partners with a delicious Christmas meal (all the more praiseworthy since the chef had only arrived the previous day!). Sharon Jones, had liaised with the pub to produce a menu which satisfied everyone. A nice touch by each person's place was a Christmas card, inside which were details of what had been ordered – since everyone forgets what they asked for! The card also sported a lucky number, and the first three drawn out of the hat received an unexpected Christmas present.

## JANUARY MEETING

A copy of the 2010 programme has been given to each member – so there is no excuse for forgetting meetings! Our next meeting is on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> January, when Sarah Hitchmough will be coming to tell us about "Life in the Air: Tales of a Cabin Crew". Sarah will be talking about the trials and tribulations of being a member of work on a modern jet airliner. The W.I. business meeting is at the usual time of 7.30 pm, followed at 8 pm with refreshments and the talk, to which everyone is invited.

Subscriptions are due at the beginning of the year, and can be paid either by cheque or in cash; the sum due for 2010 is £29.50.

## WINTER SPORTSMAN'S SUPPER, SATURDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> JANUARY

Hard to believe, but January will see the anniversary of the first of our Ringmore Informal Supper Club events, and once again, members of the Moreleigh Valley Shoot, in conjunction with Jules and the J.E. team, are pleased to invite you to a Sportsman's Supper, a 3 course set menu at only £12.50 per head, on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> January. Featuring the J.E. Special Game Pie and other winter warmers, and again limited to just 36 places, the event is sure to sell out quickly, so start 2010 with a convivial evening of good food and drink with neighbours and friends, and avoid disappointment by booking early with the J.E. team on 810205.

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### Thoughts I've Already Think:

1. I think part of a best friend's job should be to immediately clear your computer's history if you die.
2. Nothing sucks more than that moment during an argument when you realize you're wrong. g
3. I totally take back all those times I didn't want to nap when I was younger.
4. There is great need for a sarcasm font.
5. How the hell are you supposed to fold a fitted sheet?
6. Was learning cursive really necessary?
7. Map Quest needs to start their directions on #5. I'm pretty sure I know how to get out of my neighborhood.
8. can't remember the last time I wasn't at least kind of tired.
9. Bad decisions make good stories.
10. You never know when it will strike, but there comes a moment at work when you know that you just aren't going to do anything productive for the rest of the day.
11. Can we all just agree to ignore whatever comes after Blue Ray? I don't want to have to restart my collection again.
12. I'm always slightly terrified when I exit out of Word and it asks me if I want to save any changes to the ten-page paper that I swear I did not make any changes to.
13. "Do not machine wash or tumble dry" means ... I will never wash this -- ever --.
14. I hate it when I miss a call by the last ring (Hello? Hello? Damn it!), but when I immediately call back, it rings nine times and then goes to voicemail. What'd you do after I didn't answer? Drop the phone and run away?
15. I hate leaving my house confident and looking good and then not seeing anyone of importance the entire day. What a waste.
16. I keep some people's phone numbers in my phone just so I know not to answer when they call.

The following is contributed by Anne Lambell. Many thanks Anne.

An English lady of title suffering from a nervous breakdown, having been recommended to stay at a small German village in the mountains, went there to enquire about rooms. She could not speak German, so sought the assistance of the local schoolmaster, who had a smattering of English. Having secured what she required, she returned to make arrangements. She then remembered that she had omitted to enquire if there was a W.C. in the house. She then wrote to the schoolmaster for full particulars as to the W.C. The schoolmaster did not understand this abbreviation so he consulted the local Pastor who came to the conclusion that the lady was a devout chapel-goer, and wished to know the whereabouts of the Wold Chapel, and so wrote the following letter.

"Your Ladyship,

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I have the honour to be, etc. etc.

P.S. My wife and I have not been for eight months. It pains us very much but it is such a long way off.

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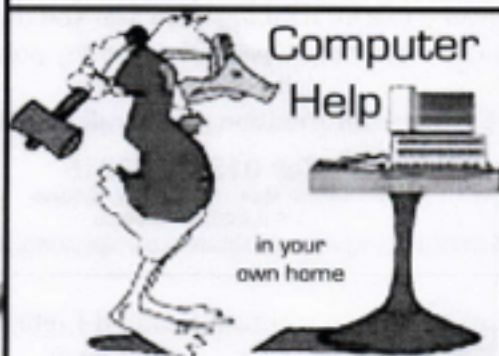
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This is just a very brief report of the open meeting at the WI Hall on Friday 18 December, where those who attended shared thoughts and ideas about the granite boundary stones offered to the parish by the family of George Grimshaw.

John Grimshaw gave us a presentation that showed the kinds of settings appropriate to the weathered granite rocks, each of which will be 3 to 5 tonnes in weight. We looked at maps and photographs of the parish boundary, noting where the boundary line intersected or ran in tandem with public footpaths, and discussed possible locations where stones might provide a temporary resting place and command a pleasing view of the parish for walkers. The idea is to set each stone near an intersection or coinciding of public footpath and boundary line.

Exact locations need to be discussed and agreed with relevant landowners, and John will be co-ordinating this work. It was agreed that we would produce as soon as possible an illustrated leaflet setting out many more details of the proposals for the scheme, inviting ideas and comment and making sure everyone is fully informed. Meanwhile, a group of walkers is being formed to walk the public footpaths that are close to the boundary, to take photographs and discuss the possible locations. In late February or early March John Grimshaw is coming to visit Sibelco, the China Clay Quarry at Lee Moor which is kindly supplying the granite stones. Several people will be visiting the quarry with him to look at and choose the stones for the boundary. There is much to consider: inscriptions for the stones, perhaps some sculpture, the planting of special trees on the sites, and the possibility of a group of (7) stones somewhere near Seven Stones Cross, if an appropriate site can be found.

Huge enthusiasm for the project was expressed at the meeting and there is scope within it for many forms of participation. Please let Di Collinson or Mike Hammond know if you think there is a particular or general aspect in which you would like to be involved, or if you have ideas to contribute. The provisional plan is to have all the stones ready for a weekend in the late summer of 2010; to install them ceremonially (on the Friday, say); for the hale and hearty to walk the boundary stones route (about 10 miles) on the Saturday, ending the day with a party for everyone in the parish; and for a special celebratory service to be held in All Hallows on the Sunday.

Di Collinson

## **News from All Hallows**

### **Carol Service by Candle Light**

A big thank you to all who made this year's Carol Service by Candle-light such a lovely and special occasion. Thanks go to Adrian & Judy Bull, Mike & Alison Wynne-Powell, Drina Williams, Jane Baker and all the other helpers for making it such a success. The Church, beautifully decked out with numerous flower arrangements and lit by candle-light looked a real picture. It was such a lovely evening. The Village Choir and Children's Choir sang their hearts out and were ably assisted by all those attending. It was wonderful to see the church packed and to hear the vibrant sound of voices.

Thanks also to those of you from the various village organisations that read out a lesson between the Carols. It can be quite a daunting task in front of so many people. The mulled wine washed down the very much appreciated mince pies and sausage rolls, supplied by various villagers, and rounded off a very enjoyable evening.

### **Team Council Meeting**

Please say a prayer for our representatives attending the Team Council Meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> January. The Archdeacon is attending and will hear our plea as Ringmore, Kingston & Bigbury continue the fight to find a replacement for John Elliott who retired at the end of September.

### **Welcome to Hilary & Gavin**

All Hallows extend a warm welcome to Hilary & Gavin as they settle into the village at Carmel. It was lovely to see them at the Carol Service and we hope that they can enjoy the fellowship of the church with us.

### **Thanks**

Finally, a very big Thank You, to all of you who have helped in so many ways in keeping and making our church such a credit to the village throughout the year. So to you all - cleaners, door keepers, flower arrangers, churchyard gardeners, readers, bellringers, sidesmen, sacristan and refreshments, many many thanks - it really is all very much appreciated. Not forgetting, of course, Dane & Hilary who provide so much support to us throughout the year at our various functions.

**From All at All Hallows we wish you a very Happy, Healthy, Peaceful and Prosperous 2010**

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Church Warden

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# THE NATIONAL TRUST

A surreal concept writing this mid December for a new year edition! On behalf of the whole National Trust team working in Yealm and Avon, I'd like to wish you all a happy new year and hope your festive period was full of merriment.

It seems fitting that on the dawn of 2010 I use this opportunity to write a brief overview of some of the Trust's work in the area leading up to the new year.

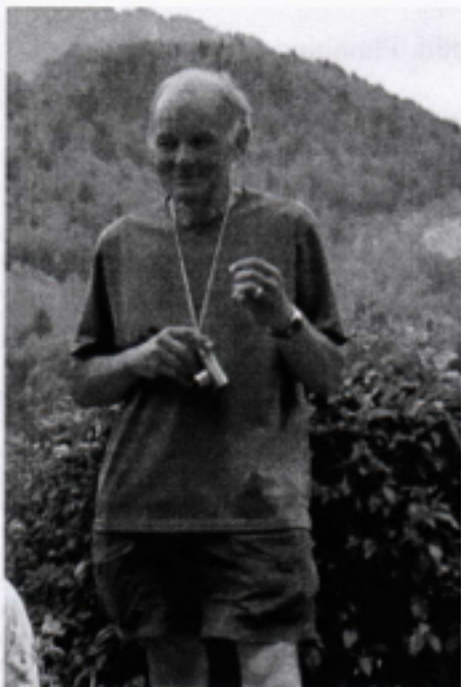
Those of you that are frequent visitors to Ayrmer Cove will have noticed the newly laid hedge along the Smugglers Bridleway, this is part of our ongoing Hedge Laying Programme. Not only did this provide an excellent opportunity to talk with and teach those who attended our hedging event and other passers by but has also safeguarded the hedge line for future generations. Hedges, often referred to as 'nature's corridors', provide a safe haven for all sorts of flora and fauna and are vitally important to the function of our native ecosystem. By laying selected sections each year we are able to ensure a mosaic type structure of different generations. I would highly recommend a visit. We've created a breathtaking view down toward the cove, a real South Hams gem.

Other points of interest would include the installation of new fence lines at Wembury Point. These will enable us to increase our ponies grazing area, and control the scrub around the cliffs in a traditional and eco-friendly manner.

Much time has been spent clearing up the aftermath of high winds. One of the casualties was, a large ash tree on route to the orchard at the top of Ringmore plantation which resulted in a temporary path closure.

If you have any comments about the work of the National Trust or want any further information please call Richard Moore on 01548 810197 or email [Richard.Moore@nationaltrust.org.uk](mailto:Richard.Moore@nationaltrust.org.uk)

## ADRIAN MULLER.



Most Parishioners will have heard by now of the sudden and sad loss of Adrian who lived in the village with Sue for some ten years before leaving in 2003 for a change in life style at St. Sigismund near Chamonix in France and near to their daughter Mandy and family. Adrian was walking their dog Max on Tuesday the 22<sup>nd</sup> December but, not returning as expected Sue went out with friends to look for him and found him lying on the ground guarded by the dog. It would appear that he died of a massive heart attack. During the ten years in the village Adrian and Sue immersed themselves in the village life and he served for several active years on the Parish Council taking responsibility particularly for the various footpaths as footpath warden. He persistently requested funds for improving the gates and styles and tirelessly erected them where they remain as some memory of him. Sue and Adrian were constantly entertaining their various village friends in the home at Ivy Cottage where Adrian was always busy, gardening, building or painting his fretwork animals and birds. He was a keen photographer and interested in wildlife He was a keen and founder member of the bowls club, the Parish Quiz team and participated in many other village ceremonies and activities. He is to be cremated in France on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> December with family and friends present, our sympathies go to them all, he was man determined to live life to the full and did that until his sudden short end and we shall miss him.

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### *HAPPY NEW YEAR*

Firstly a big thank you to all of you that supported your local throughout the festive period. I am very proud to be the landlady of the Journey's End surrounded by such a wonderful community.

Our regular winter events continue when we re-open on Jan 12<sup>th</sup>, this will be our first Quiz & Curry Night come along to get the grey matter going. The Plus Fifty Five Lunch Club starts on Jan 13<sup>th</sup> and every Wednesday until June. During January on the weekends we will be closing between 3pm and 6pm but a sign on the door will read "Ring the bell for a pint!" As there are less visitors during this time we would not want to close the door, especially to any of our locals so ... do ring the bell if you would like to pop in.

A big thank you to everyone who spoilt Lily on her 2<sup>nd</sup> birthday, she was swamped with gifts and took her time opening her presents, she had a lovely birthday tea, here is a photo of the birthday girl!

We look forward to seeing you all soon and hope you all had a lovely Christmas & New Year New Year.

