

Ringmore Parish Newsletter

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As I'm sure most of you are aware last week Anna held a coffee morning to raise money for the Haiti appeal. Anna opened her home for tea, coffee and cakes with a no frills approach and raised a fabulous £750. Anna chose to donate the money to Shelter Box. Shelter Box responds instantly to disasters all around the world delivering aid as quickly as possible to the people who need it most.

Whilst watching the evening news I got to see first hand a Shelter Box in action. The first 10 of thousands to be sent to Haiti were set up as an ad hoc hospital on the tarmac of the airport in Port au Prince and a volunteer doctor from the States had just delivered a baby in its austere but serviceable shelter.

Hundreds more boxes arrived last week and thousands more are being packed and shipped from Shelter Box headquarters in Cornwall. Working with local Rotarians in Haiti and Red Cross personnel, Rotarians from the States and the UK are setting up sites for Shelter Box deployment and have been training the trainers to put up the equipment quickly and properly.

Anna is still receiving donations from those unable to attend and will continue to support the shelter box appeal to help this humanitarian crisis.

Anna would like to thank all those who supported so generously.

DIARY FOR THE MONTH

Tuesday: Table Tennis, 7.30pm (Parish Room)

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

February 2010

1/02 Tearfund Lunch, W.I Hall, 12-2pm

3/02 RBL meeting, Dolphin Inn, Kingston at 7.30pm

10/02 Parish Room AGM, Parish Room, 8pm

11/02 W.I meeting, W.I Hall, 7.30pm

16/02 Public meeting map review, W.I Hall, 6pm

16/02 Parish Council meeting, W.I Hall, 7pm?

16/02 Pancake Extravaganza, Parish Room, 10.30am

20/02 P's & Q's, Parish Room, 7.30pm

24/02 A Bit of Local History, W.I Hall, 7.30pm

28/02 Prayer & Praise, All Hallows, 3pm

March

1/02 Tearfund Lunch, W.I Hall, 12-2pm

21/03 J.E.J.E.B.T.T.T, Journey's End, 1.30pm

A Public Meeting has been arranged for the 16th February at 6pm to precede the February Parish Council Meeting. The subject is Definitive Map Review of Ringmore Parish. It will be Chaired by Helen Clayton, Review Officer, Devon County Council. This will be of interest to all concerned with the Public Rights of Way in our Parish.

Rainfall by Eleanor and Grace Purdy

Last Month: 110mm (some of which fell as snow)

10 year average: 111mm

10 year high: 189mm (2001)

10 year low: 76mm (2000)

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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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 3. Andy Hornby: former chief executive, HBOS
 4. Sir Tom McKillop: former chairman, RBS
 5. John McFall MP: chairman of Treasury Select Committee
 6. Alastair Darling: Chancellor of the Exchequer
 7. Gordon Brown: Prime Minister and former Chancellor
 8. Sir Terry Wogan: former presenter of Radio 2's Breakfast Show
- You're probably thinking Terry Wogan.....
And you're right.
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Terry Wogan is the only one out of this motley crew who actually holds any formal banking qualification

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	Bigbury	Kingston	Ringmore
	11.00 am	9.30 am	9.30 am
7 th February	Family Communion	Family Service	Family Service
14 th February	Family Service	Family Service	Holy Communion (BCP)
21 st February	Family Service	Holy Communion (BCP)	Family Service
28 th February	Holy Communion (BCP)	Family Service	Family Communion

Three of the Best!

The middle of February sees three important events within a few days. First off is **Valentine's Day** with its gifts and other expressions of love. Nothing certain is known about St Valentine himself, except that he was buried just north of Rome on (probably) 14th February.

Tradition has it that he was a priest who was imprisoned for his faith around 270 AD. The Roman Emperor Claudius II offered him freedom if he would renounce his faith; Valentine responded by seeking to convert Claudius, and was clubbed, stoned and finally beheaded as a result. Valentine believed – as every Christian should – that faith in Jesus was worth dying for. According to legend, Valentine miraculously healed the daughter of his jailor and wrote to her the night before he died "from your Valentine". Other traditions suggest that the mid-February pagan fertility festival of Lupercalia was Christianised by the Church. Either way, it's a great time to show our love for those dearest to us.

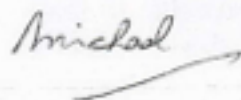
Shrove Tuesday, this year on 16th February, was originally the time to seek absolution from one's sins by confession and penance before the start of Lent. It turned into a carnival as the ingredients restricted during the coming Lenten fast were used up to make pancakes. Perhaps the two go together; God promises to forgive us completely when we confess our sins, and that should result in great rejoicing. So have fun on Pancake Day, but don't forget to get right with God first!

The following day is **Ash Wednesday**, when traditionally the previous year's palm crosses were burnt, and the sign of the cross made with the ashes on the foreheads of the faithful, as a sign of their repentance. Ash Wednesday is the first day of **Lent**, a period of 40 days (excluding Sundays) leading up to Easter. The word "Lent" is an old Anglo-Saxon word for "Spring", and the practice of fasting may have originated in the relative lack of food before the new season's growth. Its early Christian form was a period of fasting for adults being baptised the night before Easter Day. This spread later to all believers as an act of solidarity and personal spirituality. Lent was traditionally a time for prayer, fasting and almsgiving. As we look forward to Easter, it would be no bad idea if we followed tradition, by specifically doing something that will bring us closer to God (perhaps giving the equivalent time or money to those in need).

Valentine's Day, time to show our love; Shrove Tuesday, time to rejoice that our sins can be forgiven; Ash Wednesday and Lent, time to concentrate more on God, as we look forward to Easter and the Resurrection.

Or you could say: eat well on Valentine's Day and Shrove Tuesday, then diet for the next six weeks!

Either way, have a great time!



Michael Tagent

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 WI

We started our 2010 programme with an entertaining talk from Sarah Hitchmough about her the trials and tribulations of being a member of the cabin crew on jumbo jets. In 1985, she set off for Bahrain to work for Gulf Air and regularly travelled between London, Bangkok and Bombay - on one flight a passenger even asked if he could have the window open! During her career she worked with Air Tours flying out of Manchester to the Caribbean and Florida, spent 3 summer seasons working on a luxurious private 727 for a Saudi Sheik flying between his properties in Riyadh and Spain, and, from 1997, spent 10 years with British Airways. One American passenger asked Sarah if her eyesight was better than his and could she confirm whether it was a polar bear or an iceberg they could see as they flew over Greenland at 35,000 feet!!

FEBRUARY MEETING

The next meeting is on **Thursday 11th February** when Lynn Bartlett from the RNIB will be talking about the Talking Book Service. The WI business meeting is at the usual time of 7.30pm, followed at 8pm by refreshments and the talk, to which everyone is invited.

Tear fund Soup Lunch

with fruit crumble dessert

*Monday 1st Feb. &
1st March*

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12.00 - 2.00 p.m.

All proceeds in aid of tear fund

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Inter Parish Quiz

Ringmore v Brixton at the JE on the 21st January made for an interesting contest. Thanks to some rather haphazard scoring Brixton won 113 to 112. Or was it the other way round, or a draw perhaps? We shall never know but it was fun anyway. The Ringmore team now go into the competition for the Ken West plate and play Shaugh Prior. Ringmore won the plate in 2005 so perhaps we can do it again. We shall see.

Barry Old

OAPS ARE WORTH A FORTUNE

Remember old folks are worth a fortune; with silver in their hair, gold in their teeth, stones in their kidneys, lead in their feet and gas in their stomachs!

I have become older since I saw you last and a few changes have come into my life.

Frankly I have become a frivolous Old Gal—I am seeing six gentlemen every day!

As soon as I wake up Will Power gets me out of bed.

Then I go see Johnny Looe.

Next Charlie Cramp comes along and when here he takes up a lot of my time and attention.

When he leaves Arthur Ritus shows up and stays the rest of the day. He doesn't like to stay in one place very long so he takes me from joint to joint. After such a busy day I'm really tired and glad to go to bed with Johnny Walker!

What a life! Oh yes, I'm also flirting with Al Zymer.

P.S. The Vicar came to call the other day, he said I should be thinking of the hereafter. I told him I do, all the time, no matter where I am—in the lounge, upstairs, in the kitchen or down the cellar—I ask myself "Now what am I here after?"

Contributed by Pauline Smith.



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Many of you may have heard that Sean had a 'little accident' on Monday before Christmas. He is now recovering well despite a dodgy back but will be fine with a few more weeks of rest. (He will do anything to be able to sit and watch a Test match !!!)

I would like to say a huge thank you to Mike & Linda for being there for both of us on the day and for Bob & Margaret for stepping in to take care of all the animals in particular Arthur for a few days and for supplying Sean with his daily fix of newspapers.

We really appreciate all the offers of help we have had, the numerous phone calls and messages of goodwill.

It is fantastic to have such great people around you!

Sean & Sharon Jones



William Smith of Quarry Park Ringmore (and London) swimming at Ayrmer Cove on Christmas Day 2009. It was certainly cold on the beach but William says it was a bit warmer in the water! Of course when he got back on dry land without clothes on

**RINGMORE HISTORICAL
SOCIETY**

**WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY
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**W.I HALL
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The Story of a Challenged senior... At a certain age, everyone will understand this poor guy...

I thought about the 30 year business I ran with 1800 employees, all without a Blackberry that played music, took videos, pictures and communicated with Facebook and Twitter.

I signed up under duress for Twitter and Facebook, so my seven kids, their spouses, 13 grandkids and 2 great grand kids could communicate with me in the modern way. I figured I could handle something as simple as Twitter with only 140 characters of space.

That was before one of my grandkids hooked me up for Tweeter, Tweetree, Twhirl, Twitterfon, Tweetie and Twittererific Tweetdeck, Twitpix and something that sends every message to my cell phone and every other program within the texting world.

My phone was beeping every three minutes with the details of everything except the bowel movements of the entire next generation. I am not ready to live like this. I keep my cell phone in the garage in my golf bag.

The kids bought me a GPS for my last birthday because they say I get lost every now and then going over to the grocery store or library. I keep that in a box under my tool bench with the Blue tooth [it's red] phone I am supposed to use when I drive. I wore it once and was standing in line at Barnes and Noble talking to my wife as everyone in the nearest 50 yards was glaring at me. Seems I have to take my hearing aid out to use it and I got a little loud.

I mean the GPS looked pretty smart on my dash board, but the lady inside was the most annoying, rudest person I had run into in a long time. Every 10 minutes, she would sarcastically say, "Re-calc-ul-ating" You would think that she could be nicer. It was like she could barely tolerate me. She would let go with a deep sigh and then tell me to make a U-turn at the next light. Then when I would make a right turn instead, it was not good. When I get really lost now, I call my wife and tell her the name of the cross streets and while she is starting to develop the same tone as Gypsy, the GSP lady, at least she loves me.

To be perfectly frank, I am still trying to learn how to use the cordless phones in our house. We have had them for 4 years, but I still haven't figured out how I can lose three phones all at once and have run around digging under chair cushions and checking bathrooms and the dirty laundry baskets when the phone rings.

The world is just getting too complex for me. They even mess me up every time I go to the grocery store. You would think they could settle on something themselves but this sudden "Paper or Plastic?" every time I check out just knocks me for a loop.

I bought some of those cloth reusable bags to avoid looking confused but I never remember to take them in with me.

Now I toss it back to them. When they ask me, "Paper or Plastic?"

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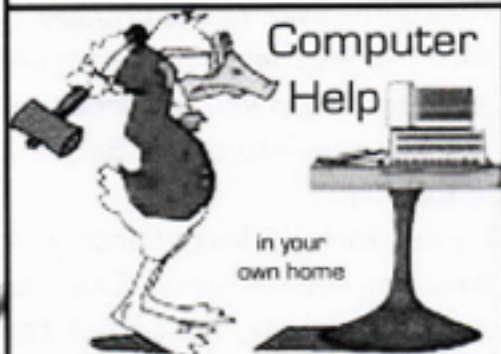
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Dear All,

It is now nearly three months since Will's untimely death. It has taken this long to put my thoughts in order and put pen to paper.

Will had severe financial problems mainly, but not exclusively, due to work he had done for one contractor in London. The situation was already severe when I became aware of the problem but rather than declare him bankrupt Will and I worked through everything with the help of Tony O Niel and had stabilised the business.

Will was very skilled at what he did bearing in mind that he was largely self taught but like many young people he could not see the need to get paid immediately the job was completed and "cash flow" was always a major problem.

With my help we were able to level out the cash flow problems and the court case for recovery of the outstanding funds from London was well on the way to fruition. Will had no reason to do what he did and I would emphasise that his death was not suicide. We now know that he had been experimenting with drugs again over the last few months and that what he took on the fateful night obviously was not what he thought it might be either in strength or content.

We also know that Will and a number of his peers were regularly taking recreational drugs of one sort or another and his death if it does nothing else may well bring an awareness in others that drug taking however benign can have severe consequences not only for the taker but also for the family and friends. If his death saves just one of his peers from a similar death then all will not have been in vain.

Netta, William's mother, and I wanted just a quiet family funeral at Efford but when Peter Cooke the Bigbury Church warden rang me it soon became clear that there was a massive groundswell of grief from within the community. Netta and I were unable to cope with the organisation of a big funeral but agreed that it was needed to allow everyone to say their own goodbyes. Our younger son John with the help of Taff and Karen et al were left with the onerous task of doing this for us, and what a funeral it turned out to be. Over £800 was collected for Air Ambulance, William's daughter Daisy's preferred charity.

We the immediate family said our brief goodbyes at Efford but with kind permission of the church a memorial Plaque was erected in Bigbury Church yard for all to visit.

The cards and letters we received after William's death would suggest that he will be remembered for a number of things.

1. Never being relied upon to turn up when he said he would. He would smile, that smile, and all animosity would be forgotten.
2. He made women feel like ladies, especially the older generation.
3. He was always polite and helpful and genuinely happy to do anything for anyone without thought of reward

I will remember him for a lot of pain, anger and anguish that he caused and then with a huge sense of pride at the ways that other people thought of him and held him in such high esteem.

I would like to thank a number of people but the list will always be incomplete and I hope that those I do not mention will accept my apologies for this but to do so would take up even more space.

Firstly Peter Cooke for his immediate response and offer of help from the church at a time when we were still bewildered by what had happened.

Taff and Karen who tirelessly showed their love and respect for William in ways I found difficult.

The Reverend Neil Baker for his masterful handling of the service and for taking the time to come to Efford.

Basil Edmunds and his staff at Halletts for his help, understanding and more professionalism in handling all of the funeral arrangements especially in allowing Will's friends to carry the coffin in and out of the church.

Edwin Nicklen for organising the collection in the Royal Oak which allowed Daisy to buy a decent

computer to help in her studies towards what we hope will be a rewarding career.

The Landlord and Landlady of the Royal Oak for their offer of accommodation and food without charge for members of William's family and finally to Ella Dodds who despite her own grief following Jim's death, took the time to write to me a long letter of sympathy:- something I was unable to do for her even though William had expressed a deep regret at being unable to attend Jim's funeral.

Many will be aware that Wendy and I have now gone our separate ways. These incidents are not related and Wendy tried ceaselessly to lift me from the anger and grief that overwhelmed me at William's death. I miss her terribly but wish her well and hope to remain her sincere friend.

To finish on a brighter note and more positively, I would like to let all know that Shaune Peters, William's elder brother who now lives locally is more than willing to take up any plumbing work required by William's old customers in the area. He is an excellent plumber with even more experience than William and is gas registered.

Also my younger son John is also retraining as a plumber and should be able to take up work by the end of the year. Until Shaune and John can put together an advert for the newsletter they can be contacted through me on 810462.

I thank you for your condolences and hope the new year brings good luck and opportunity for all.

Yours Bill Butler



THE NATIONAL TRUST

Well, that was a chilly start to the year. On some of the days we found our team confined to our workshop in Kingston. Driving through the farm yard and the roads out into Kingston was treacherous but once we were back out it was full steam ahead.



With this cold snap we had to make sure that our population of Cirl buntings were managing to find food. Cirl buntings are quite rare in the UK and can only be found along the south Devon coast.

In these extreme cold temperatures we gave them a helping hand by spreading bird seed. The seed is supplied by the RSPB, who like us, want to ensure the birds have enough to eat. Why not take a walk along the coast path around Wembury Point and keep an eye out for these special little birds?

Along with the birds we needed to check all our herds of ponies had water available. With the help from some local volunteers, we were able to regularly go out and brake the ice in the troughs. We also found a burst pipe in the bowser (a large plastic water store which sources a trough) at Wembury Point which we were able to quickly fix. All in all we managed to come out of the cold snap relatively unscathed.

If anyone is interested in learning about green woodworking then we are running a 2 day event at Noss Mayo woods on Tuesday 9th and Wednesday 10th February. It is a great opportunity to have a go at working with wood; making items like hurdles and rakes; and try your hand at wood turning. Cost is £20 per person. For further information and to book please call 01752 346585.

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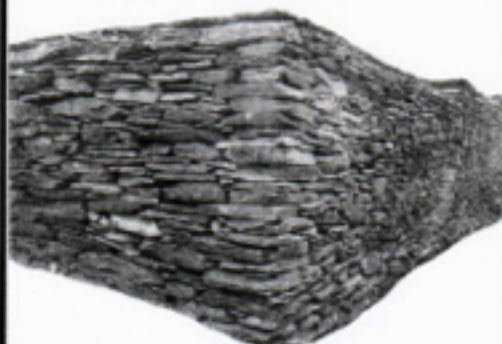
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RINGMORE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY 19TH JANUARY 2010 WI HALL 7.00PM

PRESENT Chairman M.Hammond
Cllrs E.Bohnet J.Deverson S.Hitchmough B.Lambell J.Parkin
J.Reynolds
W.Mumford / B.Carson
Clerk M.Wood 1 member of the public

The Chairman asked members of the council to hold a minutes silence in memory of Adrian Muller who was a Councillor and Footpath Warden for many years.

DECLARATION OF PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS – None

OPEN SESSION – Nothing to report

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Altered Under Matters Arising: The Historical Society has spoken to the Water Board and not Cllr. Deverson.
Darkie Lane: DCC have agreed to fit a bar across the top of the pipe and also a flap valve at the base. The minutes were then signed.

MATTERS ARISING

Parish Cleaning – As no-one has come forward Cllr. Lambell has agreed to take on the task of parish cleaning on a self employed basis.

Mound of Earth – Mr. Mumford confirmed that this belongs to Highways and will move the earth in the near future. The Chairman asked Cllrs. to vote on whether they wanted it removed; 6 votes in favour 1 abstained.

Cockle Lane – No reply has been received from the letter to Mr. Heath regarding the broken fence posts. Cllr. Lambell will try to contact the farmer before the next meeting.

W.MUMFORD

Mr. Mumford reported on DCC's actions during the recent sub zero temperatures. The amounts of salt/grit used so far this year is greater than the total last year. There has been no problem getting supplies as the salt comes from Ireland. DCC helped Cornwall who ran short. The very cold temperatures have had a great impact on the roads causing surface break up and potholes. A project to help school leavers find employment has been set up with 157 already working. On the outskirts of Exeter a science park is to be built, this will be a joint venture with DCC, the Met-office and the University. A review is taking place on the use of mobile libraries. A decision is soon to be made by the Boundary Commission on the structural review of Devon. If Devon becomes one unitary authority, excluding Plymouth and Torbay, it is hoped that this could be delayed until after the general elections. Exeter are still pushing hard to make them a Unitary Authority.

B.CARSON

Mr. Carson reiterated what Mr. Mumford had said regarding what the Government will do regarding Devon. SHDC are saving money by co-opting services with other district councils. Council tax stayed the same last year but it will be increased this year, this will be discussed at the budget meeting to be held on Thursday. The car parking concession will continue but will cost £20 instead of £10.

ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

A public meeting has been arranged for the 16th February at 1800 hrs the subject of which is Definitive Map Review of Ringmore Parish which will be chaired by Helen Clayton (Review Officer DCC)

DCC have issued a leaflet regarding roadside hedge and tree management and state that the best time to cut hedges is January & February.

Parish Boundary Stones – The draft proposals produced by the Historical Society were seen and distributed to Cllrs.

PARISH PLAN

A revised action plan will be available for the February meeting.

The Chairman suggested that during the recent bad weather the Parish should have an emergency plan in the event of any extreme conditions. Various paperwork received by the Chairman was given to Cllr. Reynolds who will report at the next meeting.

The Ringmore Parish Newsletter 2010 Budget was presented. A Financial Statement for 2009 will be prepared and audited by an Independent Examiner for the Councils AGM in April.

PLANNING

Application 40/2201/09/LB Mount Pleasant and Rose Cottage – No objection

FINANCE

Cllrs agreed to keep the 2010/2011 precept figure at £3,200

Cheques agreed and signed – Ringmore WI Hall Charges £94.00 – Ringmore Parish Newsletter 6 monthly cost £88.00 – Chairmans expenses £38.62

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr Lambell stated that there were funds still available for footpath maintenance and had Cllrs any preference where work was required.

Cllr.Parkin requested that the correspondence box be circulated quicker.

A beach clean will be organised prior to Easter.

The Chairman reported on an article from BBC News regarding views sort on Coastguard Agency. A three month consultation has just begun into the Agency's services on the south coast from Looe in Cornwall through to the River Dart in Devon.

A complaint has been received about the brightness of the lights on the Parkdean Holiday Park.

The clerk received a report from Kingsbridge Police regarding crime figures for 2009 which are considerably less than 2008.

Johnathen Aylett of Michaelmore Hughs representing the Archdeaconry has agreed that Steve Gradner of DCC can draft a permissive path agreement for the Glebe land. Negotiations are still ongoing, however, it is likely that DCC will reach agreement to erect the necessary fencing and cover the Archdeaconry for loss of RPA payments on the basis that Ringmo Parish Council cover future fence and hedge maintenance.

Parish Council voted to take on these future costs likely to be annual hedge trimming and possible rewiring in approx 10 years - passed unanimously.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING FEBRUARY 16TH

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20 Years Ago

Mrs Margaret Wood of Coastguard Cottages, Challaborough, has been appointed as Parish Clerk.

January 1990 was the time of the second Great Gale (the first was in Oct 87). Damage to property and trees occurred throughout the parish. Worst hit was Challaborough where one house lost its roof, 47 caravans were overturned and many chalets were damaged but no injuries were reported.

10 Years Ago

Darkie Lane has received more attention recently than for many years. At certain times the path becomes a quagmire and to obviate the consequences the Parish Council has laid a wooden duck board in the hope that it can be used comfortably all year round. It has been noticed that one or two intrepid horse riders use this path on occasions in spite of the fact that it is designated as a footpath and not a bridle path.

THE RINGMORE INFORMAL WINTER SUPPER CLUB - A MOROCCAN EVENING

Button up your burqas and fasten down your fezzes, we're going to North Africa... After the well supported Sportsman's Supper in January, Juliet and her new chef have proposed a Moroccan theme for the February supper, which will be held at the J.E. on Saturday 20th Feb.

As ever, limited to just 36 covers, and keenly priced at 3 courses for only £12.50, so ensure your places at an enjoyable evening with friends and neighbours by putting in an early call to Jules and the Team on 810205 to make your reservation.

J.E.J.E.B.T.T.T

Journey's End John Edward Bracey Table Tennis Tournament

21st March at 1.30pm

The 14th event of this popular Table Tennis Tournament will be held this year in the Journey's End by kind permission of Juliet on Sunday 21st March commencing at 1.30pm. It is a fun afternoon and you do not need to be able to play to a high standard to enjoy the fun so come along and watch or better still put your name on the sheet in the entrance hall of the Journey's End Inn. We are aiming, once again, for the easy to organise number of 32 players. The draw will take place on Thursday evening 18th March. The time of the start will enable players or spectators to have a drink or sample one of Juliet's delicious meals or tasty snacks before play commences or even during the event itself. The entrance fee for the tournament will be a minimum of just £1 which will go to a local charity. Anyone who wishes to practice for the event will be most welcome as a guest at the Ringmore Table Tennis Club in the Parish Room on any Tuesday evening from 7.30 onwards.

Will last years worthy champion Frank Williams be able to retain the trophy ???

News from All Hallows

Team Council Meeting

The retirement of John Elliott (who was a House for Duty Minister) coupled with the retirement of Mike Jeffries (a full time Minister at Loddiswell) at the end of this year means that the Modbury Team covering eight churches will be reduced to one Team Rector, Neil Barker and one Lay Reader, Michael Tagent. The Diocese propose to replace John and Mike's posts with a single Full Time Minister. It could well take 12 months (more than likely longer) before the new applicant would be able to take up the post. Ringmore, along with Bigbury and Kingston, set up a joint Working Group to look at the implications of the Diocese proposal. The Working Group's investigations concluded that the Diocese proposals would put an untenable strain on the Team Rector, Neil Barker. He would have to cover the eight parishes, conduct services, and manage all the other duties which will involve considerable travelling distances. A Presentation was made to the Team Council on 19th January by the Working Group despite it trying to be stopped by some clergy just before the start of the meeting. The Presentation put forward the proposal that 2 part time House for Duty ministers would provide a more close relationship with parishioners throughout the eight parishes. The personal touch by an ordained man of God still carries weight for many parishioners. The Presentation also requested the Diocese to give permission for the posts of 2 House for Duty ministers to be advertised by the Working Group. Mike Jeffries retires from Loddiswell towards the end of this year and his post will not be advertised by the Diocese until that time. It was hoped that in the meantime (ie immediate future) we would be able to circulate, via networking, the two House for Duty positions to see what sort of response we get. If the response is poor, or even nil, we would have lost nothing timewise, except to know where we stand. The Team Council turned down this opportunity. As things stand at the moment we have ended up with a minimum of one year with just Neil trying to satisfy everyone. It is by no means certain that the post of a Full Time clergy will appeal to someone in the Ministry anymore than House for Duty posts.

On a personal note I would like to express my gratitude and thanks to Mike Wynne-Powell & Richard Baker for the tremendous amount of work they put in for the preparation and professional delivery of the presentation.

P D Errett, Church Warden

Pancake Day

On Tuesday 16th February we will be holding our traditional Shrove Tuesday coffee morning in the Parish Room at 10.30am. This year we are hoping to make it more of a Social event so please come along and enjoy the morning. There will of course be Cakes, Books and Greeting Cards for sale along with raffles and children's and adult's competitions. This year Alison & Judy are organising Pancake competitions including pancake races (weather permitting) which should be great fun, so please do come along for an enjoyable social morning. Contributions towards the cake and book stalls will be gratefully appreciated. See also the full page advert.

This is Your Church!

I'm writing this on a gloriously sunny morning, when I am conscious again of so much for which we can be thankful - the wonderful views stretching from the sea on one side over to Dartmoor on the other, the friendliness and concern of Ringmore people - plus the strong underlying feeling of having a common purpose. It is this feeling which can unite us as we move through a new phase of our church's life, and many agree that the church is the heart of the village; however the heart, like any other muscle, needs to be used: "use it or lose it". We also need to know how the village as a whole feels about the present changes in church structures, so if you have views on the new look of advertised services, or if you have ideas on how church members can better serve the village, do please let me know. Even if you don't particularly like the title of a service, do please come along and then make up your mind - tell us what you like, and what you don't like. This is the way to unity! Lay led services continue to flourish; if you would like to be involved, do please let me know. We would like to invite you to a short extra service of praise and worship on February 28th at 3.00 pm (see full page notice), when we shall be praying especially for our village and the future of the church.

With love, Rosemary Piercy, 810253

UPDATE ON THE BOUNDARY STONES PROJECT

The plans to establish locations for the boundary stones are now being developed.

Early in January John Grimshaw produced a draft leaflet outlining a proposal for sitting the stones at points where public footpaths in the parish intersect with the parish boundary lines. The leaflet included a map of the parish marked with possible sites, a second map indicating how three separate walks could be taken which together would encompass all the stones, and individual sketches and descriptions of possible sites.

The broad scheme for the boundary stones is developed from ideas and comments aired at the Open Meeting held on 18 December 2009. At this stage the leaflet is very much a discussion document, and as such has been sent first to the National Trust and to individual landowners in the parish, asking them to consider the proposals contained in it and to let John Grimshaw know their views. This stage of the project may take time as John hopes to speak to all the landowners, but once the consultations are completed and all views and suggestions have been taken into account, the leaflet will be updated and a copy sent to every household in the parish. Meanwhile, please do not hesitate to let Di Collinson or Mike Hammond know your thoughts concerning any aspects of the whole idea.

John hopes to be able to meet landowners on the evening of Thursday 4 March, and to visit the Lee Mill quarry on the morning of Friday 5 March. The WI Hall is booked for 6pm on the evening of 5 March for an Open Meeting at which John will show pictures of the morning's visit to the quarry and outline the next phase of the project.

Di Collinson

Mike Hammond

Very many thanks to everyone who has talked to us about the boundary stones. All your views and interests have been passed on to John.

QUIRKY THINGS FROM DOWN UNDER

Anyone can rave (as we do) about the wonderful beaches, mountains, and hot springs in New Zealand - the deserted roads, the friendly people and the amazing wildlife. However we found other unexpected things for which we were unprepared, such as:-

A tourist information centre which is situated inside a large dog. A very large dog - made of corrugated iron. The whole village is in fact made from the same material. (Imagine the noise when it rains.)

A complete car carefully attached to the wall of a tall building.

The kea - if any bird deserved an avian ASBO, it must be this mountain parrot. He lives near tourist car parks, where he loves to swoop onto cars and tear off the rubber door seals, the windscreen wipers, and anything else he can find. This naughty bird also eats laces from walking boots (if the boots are too big for him he just pecks off a few pieces), rucksacks, and sleeping bags.

A roadside café specialising in cooking your road kill - especially if this is one of the hated possums. (Motto: "Youkill'em, we grill'em") Tasty specialities include Headlight Delight, and Anything Dead on Bread.

The Largest Sweater in the World (as testified by the Guinness Book of Records. In the same building, a replica of the Bayeux Tapestry (with a few extra panels to finish off the story) built from 1,500,000 tiny teeth cut from the indexing wheels found in knitting machines. Each is hand painted...the man who made this told us he had a full time job during the day, but "did not get a huge amount of sleep".

A geyser that performs, incredibly, at 10.15 am each day. How does it deal with Summer Time?? Well, there is a man who comes along promptly to drop soap into the water, which releases the pressure underneath. Easy when you know how.

Kiwi eggs, which are nearly half the size of the bird. Ouch.

The discovery that sea lions can move faster over sand than we can run.

There is more! Can anyone add to this list or think of similar quirky things in other countries?

Rosemary P.

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The Bay View Cafe re-opens its doors under new management at Easter and will be open every day until October.

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The Parish Room was built in 1908 with an extension added in 1926.

While it is still used for some activities, it has great potential for additional uses. However its poor state of repair precludes this and

everyone is aware that it needs a lot of work to bring it up to a reasonable standard.

With money from fundraising and rental the following work has been completed.

- Replacement of some rotten joists and flooring in the kitchen
- Temporary repairs to the roof
- Fitting of a water meter and new piping to replace that chewed by mice
- Replacement/repair of rain gutters to front and rear elevations
- Replacement of kitchen units
- Site clearance

Work still needed:

- Replacement of all windows and doors with double glazed pvc units, for which planning consent has been given.
- Replacement of all joists in the kitchen and new flooring where necessary
- Replacement of all joists and flooring in the main hall
- Waterproofing walls and redecorating throughout
- Painting external walls
- New rendering to rear elevation
- Major roof repairs
- Restoration of shed

This may look like a daunting list but much of the work apart from the new windows and roof repairs will be done by volunteers.

Fundraising

Our application to the Big Lottery Fund is being adjudicated and we should have a decision by mid February. If successful this will pay for the doors, windows, and floors, together with some of the other work.

To date, with very generous help and support from parishioners, we have raised the following amounts:

2008	£
Pink party	768
P's& Q's	266
2009	
Calendars	356
Collection boxes	544
Murder mystery	367
Donations and bequests	1058

The amount raised through the collection boxes is from approximately 10% of boxes returned from the total circulated with the Newsletter . It would be good if more of the boxes could be returned (full of course), but we appreciate the contributions that have already been made.

To fund the other repairs we will need to raise additional finance, and to this end we will have a P's & Q's on the 20th of February, with a maximum of 60 tickets, which will be obtainable from Holywell Stores and Alan McCarthy. On the 8th of May we will host another Murder Mystery evening, details to be published later.

While progress to date has been satisfactory, it has only been possible with the fantastic support of the Parishioners and friends. We thank you, and hope you will continue to support the refurbishment and use of the Parish Room.

The AGM will be held in the Parish Room on February 10th at 8pm

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on England!!!

Our new Head Chef Shane is taking the reigns and he has decided on a Moroccan
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Thanks as always!

See you soon

The JE Team