

Ringmore Parish Newsletter

March 2010

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UPDATE ON THE BOUNDARY STONES

The first week in March should see some firm consolidation of the progress of the Boundary Stones Project.

John Grimshaw will be in the village all day on Thursday and Friday the 4th and 5th of March. On Thursday (the 4th) he will be meeting and talking with the landowners of the proposed sites for the stones, and he has invited these people to meet with him at the Journey's End that evening.

On the morning of Friday the 5th a small group is going with John to view granite stones at the Sibelco China Clay Quarry at Lee Moor (this is the quarry just visible from Seven Stones Cross).

Photographs will be taken on the visit to the quarry. Then at 6pm that evening (Friday, the 5th) there will be an Open Meeting in the WI Hall. Do please come along to hear about and discuss all that has been happening. John will give a presentation on the visit to the quarry, and will update us on the progress of the project and show the photographs taken during the morning's visit.

Di Collinson

Mike Hammond

INTER PARISH QUIZ

RINGMORE V SHAUGH PRIOR

8PM

TUESDAY MARCH 9TH

W.I HALL

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OR

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DIARY FOR THE MONTH

Tuesday: Table Tennis, 7.30pm (Parish Room)

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

March

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

3/3 RBL meeting J.E 7.30pm

5/3 Boundary Stones open meeting, W.I Hall, 6pm

9/3 Inter Parish Quiz, W.I Hall, 8pm

11/3 W.I meeting, W.I Hall 7.30

17/3 Historical Society Talk, W.I Hall 7.30pm

21/3 J.E.J.E.B.T.T.T, Journey's End, 1.30pm

23/3 Parish Council meeting, W.I Hall, 7pm

27/3 Beach clean Ayrmer Cove, 10am

April

4&5/4 Cream teas, W.I Hall, 3.15-5.30

7/4 RBL meeting Dolphin Inn, 7.30pm

Rainfall by Eleanor and Grace Purdy

Last Month: 88mm

10 year average: 82mm

10 year high: 152mm (2007)

10 year low: 29mm (2005)

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If there is anyone in Ringmore who would like a lift anytime for shopping to Holywell Stores, Modbury or Kingsbridge, I would be very happy to take them—just nice to have company!

Andrea Young
810389

Martyn and Linda would like to say a big thank you to all that turned up for drinks and fun at The Royal Oak on the occasion of our wedding. We were completely overwhelmed by the amount of cards and presents given to us, on this very memorable day. With all of you that were there, it made our day complete and one which we will never forget.

Again many thanks
Mr M & Mrs L Brown

Have you seen the Ten Commandments recently re-carved into the rocks at Buckland Beacon? It's an easy walk (less than a mile) from Cold East Cross Car Park. Come and join people from the rest of the Modbury Team leaving (by car) from St. George's Church Car Park at 1.45pm on Sunday 7th March.

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CHURCH SERVICES & THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

	Bigbury	Kingston	Ringmore
	11.00 am	9.30 am	9.30 am
7 th March	Family Communion	Family Service	Family Service
14 th March	Family Service	Family Service	Family Service
17 th March (Wednesday)	Holy Communion at the Korniloff (2.30 pm)		
21 st March	Family Service	Holy Communion (BCP)	Family Service
28 th March	Holy Communion (BCP)	Family Service	Family Communion

As an Anglican Vicar you might expect me to start with "The first daffodils in the verges remind me once again that Spring is on the way . . ." So I won't.

Are you an inveterate collector of things: china, jewellery, antiques, model railways, stamps or whatever? I sometimes wish that I had been. Like many small boys I had an impressive number of toy cars and sundry vehicles: corgi and dinky mainly. I enjoyed having them but I didn't actually collect them. My beautiful two tone grey Rolls Royce, for example, did not remain pristine. Before long even it had collected the odd scratch and, sharing the fate of far inferior models, eventually lost a wheel. If only I had treated it more gently or kept it in its box my Rolls Royce could still be unmarked, a collectors' item worthy of an appearance on Flog It! Or even Antiques Roadshow.

Most collectors, of course, are not children; most are closer to your age or mine. So just what is the appeal of something unblemished in a box or in a display case where it may be admired but cannot be sullied or damaged? Perhaps this is the answer. Here is perfection, or as near as makes no difference. Neither age nor use has tainted this thing which to us is simply beautiful, unimprovable and as it was always meant to be. Or perhaps it is the very act of restoration to an object's former glory imbuing it with such an intense beauty. Like a piece of old furniture or a street of medieval buildings in a French town. Maybe this is part of a much deeper longing for perfection, for restoration within all of us. Most of us find something therapeutic, even restorative in the extraordinarily formed land and seascapes around us in the beautiful South Hams. Almost as though our souls need refreshing and healing, just as our bodies through ageing, illness or injury.

Fascinating to discover then that one tiny word in the New Testament begins to make sense of this quest for renewal. The word is "sozo" (Greek) meaning to save or rescue from distress or danger. And when that is applied to Jesus' healings it speaks of restoring to health and wholeness, to bring into a more spacious place. If you like, to make perfect. But then the name "Jesus" in his native Aramaic means "God saves". The conclusion? On this evidence it is not merely God's wish but his very purpose to restore and heal, to make us whole. And our quest for perfection is not just a human longing, it is God given.

May this Springtime, no matter what you face, be a season of refreshment and renewal for both body and soul.

Mike Jefferies

Team Rector: The Revd Neil Barker (830260: not available on Mondays)
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AYRMER COVE PRE-EASTER BEACH CLEAN UP SATURDAY 27TH MARCH

The National Trust is coordinating a pre-Easter beach cleanup operation.

Would those volunteers from the Parish who would like to help clean up our Cove in time for the Easter holiday, please meet at the beach at 10.00am on Saturday 27th March.

Rubbish disposal bags will be provided and volunteers are asked to bring their own protective gloves.



REPORT FROM THE WI

Our heartfelt thanks go to Lynn Bartlett who, despite being attacked the previous day and suffering from broken ribs, came to Ringmore to give a talk on the RNIB's Talking Book Service. She began by challenging us with the question "What would you lose if you lost your sight?" before going on to explain that the Service, started in the 1920s after World War I, is not just for the blind or partially sighted but for many others including severely disabled people and stroke victims. Costing £6 million per year to run and staffed almost entirely by volunteers, the Service uses the Digitally Accessible Information System (DAISY) and now has 15,000 books in their library of CDs. Lynn closed by saying that for every £1 given in the Sooty collecting boxes, 84p goes to the talking books and research and only 2p is spent in administration. Once again, our thanks go to Lynn for such an informative talk.

MARCH MEETING

The next meeting is on Thursday 11th March when Chris Chambers will be talking about The Colourful Life of an Entertainer. 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.

Written especially for James Stevenson by Anne Lambell

Something peculiar has happened to me.
Hills are all steeper than they used to be.
Ayrmer Cove's moved further away.
And a two hour walk takes half the day.
Styles and hedges are higher to climb
And I keep tripping all the time.

Things for safety I put away
Then when I want them, search all day
Because some idiot has moved them I'm sure
And I can't find them any more.

I have to kneel instead of bend I've found
When picking something off the ground
And then I find I'm completely stuck
And have to find somewhere to push myself up.

My body seems to have all dropped South
And that has made me feel down in the mouth.
Bras don't fit as they did before
And I can't do my skirts up anymore.

I really do hate being told it's all because I'm
getting old
The daughters tell me I've overdone it lately
And not to forget in two years I'll be eighty
If hubby tells me to sit once more
I think I'll kick him out the door.

So now I'm off, I'm in a huff
And sick and tired of feeling rough
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bore,
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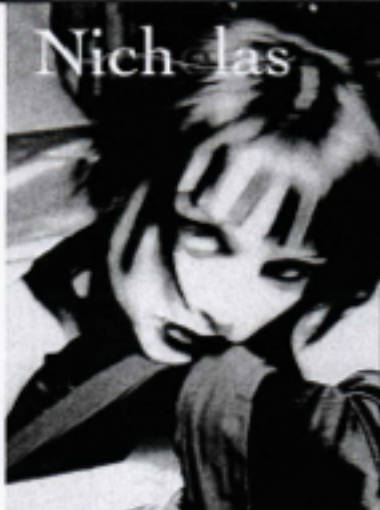
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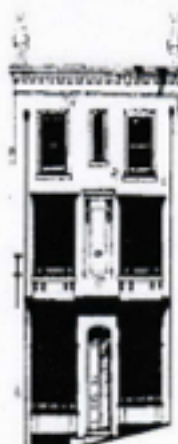
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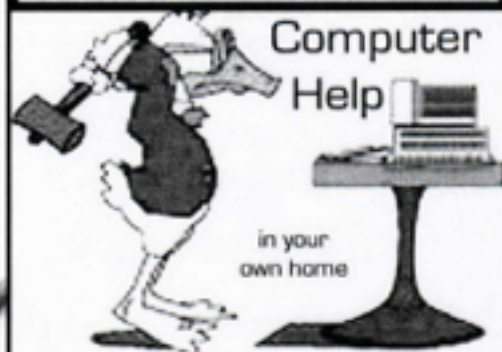
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Following Mike Wynne-Powell's showing of pictures of Ringmore and its residents we were asked the reason for our walking gear and obvious interest being shown by these who had gathered to see us on our way. Our interest in Long Distance Walking started with a course on Dartmoor. Stan then joined me in a night time orienteering course using compass bearings and survival techniques should the notorious Dartmoor mists descend, there were no mobile phones. We subsequently walked from Oakhampton to Ivybridge spending one night on the moors. We started at 7am on a lovely sunny morning. By mid morning on Fur Tor the mist rolled in and the rest of the day we had to use compass bearings which we had already marked on the map.

It was suggested that sponsorship for the church rewiring would be a good idea, which is what we did. We collected stamps from the four Letter Boxes, which are shown on the Dartmoor map, to create an interest and show that we had not just spent the weekend at the Two Bridges Hotel!

We thought that as the good people of Ringmore were involved in this walk and the next one, which was also sponsored from the church organ fund, hopefully you would be interested how we got on.

The walk on Dartmoor gave us the urge to go further afield, (especially as Stan had just retired) back packing on the South West Way.

The picture is when we started from Ringmore in 1987 to walk to Poole. The completed walk is from Minehead to Poole on the coastal path.

The South West Way is about 613 miles and it is estimated, using a contour count, that anyone completing the Way will have climbed 91,000 feet. 3 times the height of Everest. We didn't know that when we started! (Fools rush in - - - -)

We bought a back packing tent which weighed under 4lb and mainly ROHAN clothing which is very light eight, wind proof and dries very quickly. To keep the weight down we put together what we thought we needed then took half of it away.

We had a lovely send off from the shop (it was quite a surprise). Reg Trant walked with us to Toby's Point. The weather was good. We crossed the Avon by ferry. By lunch time we were battling against strong winds and driving rain and sheltered in the lee of Hope Cove Coastguard Station. The fog came down and we lost the path on Bolt Head. Eventually we reached South Sands very wet, mainly because we hadn't put our waterproofs on in time (first lesson!) We decided to have B&B as it was still raining. Our hosts were very kind, lending dry clothes and running a bath. We had a meal in the pub and slept in the last bed for a fortnight. The next day did we get the bus back to Ringmore?

RINGMORE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Ringmore Parish Room Committee is pleased to announce receipt of a grant of £9980 from **LOTTERY FUNDED Awards For All**, funded by the Big Lottery Fund.

The first area to benefit from the generous grant will be new windows and doors, scheduled for installation commencing 1 March.

Replacement of the floor and internal damp-proofing will be carried out later in the year when we can, hopefully, rely on dry weather.

Our grant does not fully cover all the work planned, but we have sufficient funds raised over the past years to complete the work. What we will need are volunteers to help remove and replace the floor, paint the building and make lots of tea and coffee. We will keep all you eager volunteers fully informed of dates, skills, times etc over the next few months.

Thank you to all those who have contributed to the money we have raised to supplement the grant. It has taken a long time, but now we will see the benefit.

Alan McCarthy
Chairman – Parish Room Committee

Ringmore Calendar – 2011



As the 2010 Ringmore Calendar proved to be a great success, the Parish Room Committee would like to involve the whole community in next year's calendar.

To this end we are holding a photographic competition open to all residents in the Parish.

The photographs should be connected to 'Sights of Ringmore Parish'. These can be landscapes, properties, events, wildlife, people etc. The only conditions are that the owners of property must give their permission and any person in a photograph must give written consent to use their image. Any children included in the photos must have a consent form signed by a parent or guardian. We can provide copies of a suitable consent form.

For technical reasons the photos must be submitted on memory sticks, discs or camera cards and at a minimum resolution of 2 million Megapixels. We will return all memory devices.

The last date for receipt of not more than 10 pictures per resident is Monday 21 June 2010, at Orchard House, Ringmore, Kingsbridge, TQ7 4HJ. Final selection of the 13 photographs for the calendar will be made by an independent adjudicator who does not live in the Parish.

All photographs will be acknowledged in the calendar.

Best of luck to you all.

Alan McCarthy
Chairman – Parish Room Committee

P's & Q's



At 7.30pm, almost, on 19 February nine eager teams of six, well there was one of four and one of five **LOTTERY FUNDED** but who's counting, filled the Parish Room to battle for the honour of winning this year's quiz.

General knowledge, catch phrases, history and what comes next helped the Desperados, Rodents and the Irregulars pull ahead of the pack, but all of them had played their jokers thereby enabling them to double the score on their selected rounds.

Dingbats, left with the contestants during the pasty break (great pasties from Holywell Stores) proved a challenge to all the teams so it was just as well they were not allowed to play the joker!

Round six was food and proved a popular joker round with two full double scores of 20 and two others of 10. By now all the jokers had been played with the exception of the Challabrettes who were saving theirs for the sport round.

The Rodents were now just in the lead closely followed by the Walnuts and Pancakes, with Butchers and Bakers, the Desperados and the Irregulars in hot pursuit.

Taped music, sport and film posters provided carried success and had Walnuts in the lead by two from the Rodents with the Desperados and Pancakes just in contention.

The last round, based on what happened on 19 February in years ranging from 1473 to 2002, gave some highish and some lowish scores but the final result was a win by one point for the Walnuts over the Rodents with the Desperados in third place.

A great time was had by all and we would like to thank Robbie for writing the questions and all those who helped wash up and clear the hall, but especially all those who purchased tickets, took part with great humour and helped us raise just over £200 for the renovation fund.

Alan McCarthy
Chairman – Parish Room Committee

Pancake Day Quiz

This quiz, intended for teams of two people, was set by Adrian Bull for the Pancake Extravaganza at the Parish Room on Shrove Tuesday. For those few of you who didn't get there, here it is again for you to test your wits.

The winner on the day was Georgina, Andrea Young's granddaughter, assisted by her father, with a score of 15½ points. Other teams scoring 13 or more points were: other members of Andrea's family, the Dane & Hilary consortium and James & Jane Stevenson. Well done to you all.

If you think you could have done better, make a point of coming next year because you could have won a bottle of wine! If not, then come next year anyway! It was a great event!

At least one person managed to answer every question correctly, so they can't be all that hard, but there are several questions with more than one correct answer and half points can be awarded.

Answers in the April issue.

Pancakes are the seasonal food for Shrove Tuesday, but there are seasonal foods throughout the year, as well as everyday foods.

Can you identify these foods, about half of which are seasonal?

1. Vertically challenged staple diet.
2. Established 1923. Population 72 million.
3. A builder needs to verify this vertical fruit, but this is useless!
4. Diminutive even for a small car; infiltrators in a Bond movie perhaps?
5. Military gentleman with the lead piping? But maybe only an accessory.
6. Sounds like a very famous skinny model plans to put weight on.
7. EU shoots.
8. Would Napoleon spread this instead of drinking it?
9. Grumpy complaint - on the moor - or alternatively, maybe on a peninsula?
10. Uninvited downloads.
11. Pig wrapped up in the 16th letter of the Greek alphabet.
12. Inmate's breakfast.
13. Out of the strong came forth sweetness, but with a sharp after-taste.
14. J M Barrie's gateau?
15. Last Foreign Secretary made with dairy product.
16. Richard Hearne never seems to deliver what he promises to the children.
17. Buckinghamshire young fowl - lost in the snow?
18. He helps inflate his brother's tyre (or other family member's) but makes a meal of it, estimating the circumference of the tyre.
19. A line of girlie dolls all dressed up.
20. Laid on the first Sunday after the full moon following the vernal equinox.

THE RINGMORE INFORMAL WINTER SUPPER CLUB – A FRENCH SUPPER DURING THE RUGBY INTERNATIONAL

Saturday 20th March at 7.45 pm

The last game of the 2010 Six Nations Rugby Championship sees England travel to Paris in what may well be the deciding game for the 2010 crown.

Why not join fans and friends in the dining room of the JE for a match day soiree, enjoying a French supper and perhaps a glass or two of the old vin rouge, whilst hopefully celebrating our national team's success?

Jules and the team are proposing a 2 course supper of pate and beef bourguignon, at the knock out price of just £10 per head, and once again covers will be limited.

The match will be shown on the flat screen in the pub dining room, kick off and first course is at 7.45 pm

Book early on 810205, to avoid disappointment...

RINGMORE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY 23RD FEBRUARY 2010 WI HALL 7.00PM

PRESENT Chairman M Hammond
Cllrs. J.Deverson B.Lambell J.Reynolds
B.Carson Clerk M.Wood 1 Member of the public
APOLOGIES W.Mumford S.Hitchmough J.Parkin

The Chairman read a letter from Emily Bohnet stating that she was resigning as a member of Ringmore Parish Council. Notices will be displayed to fill the vacancy.

DECLARATION OF PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS – None

OPEN SESSION

Mr.R.Wood stated that the fence posts had been replaced at the lower end of the footpath from Cockle Lane. It was also suggested that this should now be made safe for people using it.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Addition under the heading Parish Plan. A copy of the action plan was to be circulated so that councillors could update each issue for which they are responsible in order that the plan can be updated.

At this point in the meeting Cllr.Deverson had to leave due to a medical emergency.

MATTERS ARISING

Cockle Lane - After discussion it was agreed that Cllrs.B.Lambell and J.Reynolds will walk the path to ascertain what needs to be done. Cllr.Lambell will contact Ross Davis regarding replacing the gate. As it was uncertain whether there is a footpath through the field and holiday park of Parkdean the Chairman will speak to Helen Clayton to clarify.

Parish Emergency Plan – Cllr.Reynolds has been in contact with Peter Dale, Community Safety and Emergency Planning Officer, and received brochures of what the plan entails. A series of workshops on this subject are to be held throughout the year, but South Hams will be held in September. There are two questionnaires, parish and individual. This item will be discussed further at the March Meeting.

Boundary Stones - The Old Castle have objected to a stone being placed on their land. On going discussions as to where the master stone will be placed. The final position will be approved by a full parish council.

B.CARSON

The Minister of State for Local Government and Communities have announced her decision on the future of local government for Devon and decided to implement Exeter City Council's original proposal for a unitary authority for Exeter. Devon County Council are opposing this and are seeking legal advice. Budgets were then discussed. Over the year South Hams have saved £680000. This has kept the rise of the council tax for band D property to 2.95%

ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

Cllr.Lambell was asked to investigate why footpath no.4 was a quagmire and liaise with Cllr.J.Deverson.

PLANNING

In future Planning applications will not be authorised until they have been approved by a full council.
No objections – Application 40/0063/10/F Elmsleigh and 40/0113/10/F Renton Farm junction.
Planning permission granted – 40/2201/099/LB Mount Pleasant and Rose Cottage.

FINANCE – Nothing to report.

Quality Parish Council will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

A skip will be ordered for the 24th April

Cllr.Reynold has been able to re-negotiate the price of oil and it is now 1.4p lower than before.

The Chairman raised the matter of consultation on search and rescue provision in the southern part of the south west peninsula and the possibility that the MCA boats at Hope Cove and Tamar may no longer be available. These are necessary for the safety of the area. The Clerk was requested to write and express our views.

An E-mail has been received from Mr.Adrian Bull explaining how a village diary would be of use. Cllrs. agreed that this was a good idea and could be included within the parish website as and when this is launched.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING 23rd MARCH

NEWS FROM ALL HALLOWS

Team Service 31st January

88 people squeezed into Ringmore church for this service, in which we were joined by visitors from all the other churches in the Modbury team. With so many people we were able to "make a joyful noise", make some new friends, and enjoy a real feeling of unity even though the team churches cover a large area. At the end of the service Neil spoke about a letter he is sending to the Bishop, in which he underlined the need for more local clergy; we then finished with refreshments. We all enjoyed ourselves; many thanks to all who helped to organise this service.

Pancake Day

The pancake Extravaganza on Tuesday 16th February turned out to be a very enjoyable social morning with lots of villagers enjoying the pancakes and the various stalls and raffles. Due to the inclement weather Alison & Judy decided to hold the pancake races in the hall and much fun followed. The Parish Room centre beam has never been so clean as competitors trying to toss their pancakes over it found to their amazement that many lodged on top. Thanks to all who attended, and made donations to the various stalls, the grand sum of £360 was raised which this year was divided between All Hallows & Tear Fund.

Church Spruce up

As the church at the moment is looking reasonably clean and tidy it is proposed that it is only in need of a "spruce up" before Easter. It is therefore intended to just have a jolly good polish up session on Saturday 3rd April from 10.30am onwards. Anyone willing to spend an hour or so to help on that morning will be made most welcome.

Congratulations to the Parish Room

Many congratulations to the Parish Room Committee for all their hard work in successfully submitting & obtaining a grant towards the much needed refurbishment. I feel sure that with the grant, together with the help also of volunteers, and a lot of hard work the village will once again have a Parish Room that it can be proud of.

Phill Errett, Church Warden

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Hotel, Zurich:

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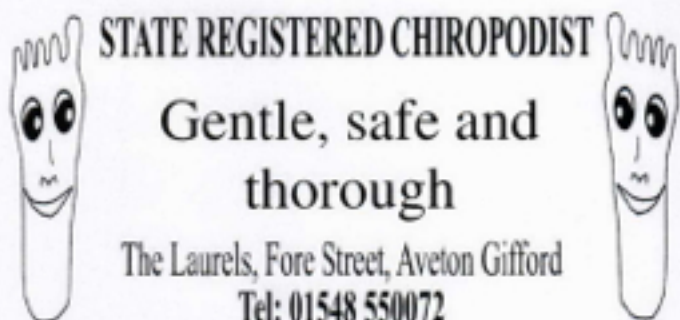
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When Ringmore had a School.....

Ringmore Mixed Council School opened on 13 January 1875 with thirty-five names on the register. The teacher was Mary Jane Adams and she was helped by a monitress. The classes were called Standards, numbered from 1 to V.

Prebendary F.C.Hingeston-Randolph was Rector of All Hallows at that time, in fact until 1910. He used to visit the school and mark the register. The children took examinations from time to time. Special mention was made of needlework and writing. In 1875 the playground had a fence around it, as it was getting dangerous when the children were outside playing.

Reports on the school were given every three months. Prizes were presented to the girls for sewing and knitting. First Prize: 4s/6d; Second Prize: 3s/0d; Third Prize: 2s/0d. Grants claimed by the school on average attendance amounted to £26-1s-4d every two years.

Discipline was rather poor at times and some children were absent for two or three weeks or came too late to get an attendance mark. The average school leaving age was twelve years, when a Labour Certificate had to be obtained.

A new Log Book was started in 1911. There were forty children on the register. Hingeston-Randolph's son, Herbert, succeeded him as Rector and he visited the school regularly. In this year (1911) a week's holiday was given to celebrate the coronation of King George V. Summer holidays lasted four weeks. An epidemic of scarlet fever was reported in 1916.

Children were examined regularly now in various subjects by the Schools Inspector. Two children were given the job of filling the inkwells each day. New cupboards, a blackboard, desks and stationery were bought in 1912.

Heating the school was done by a small Devon grate (black). It had to be lit by the caretaker at seven o'clock each morning. He also helped to deliver the mail each day and he sometimes was late lighting the fire, and the school wasn't very warm.

A new headmistress took over in 1915. She taught the children quite well and they seemed to improve quite a lot in some subjects. There were quite a lot of trees in the playground and the children played hide-and-seek, rounders, and catch. They did drilling and played marching songs.

The years went on and the last teacher took over in 1924. She was very good - used the cane quite a bit but got some good results. In 1928 chicken pox was reported, and that meant small attendances. At the beginning of 1929 all the children were asked to go to the Rectory to listen to the Rector's new wireless.

From handwritten notes by Alice Mason

Congratulations to Eleanor and Grace Purdy, who as part of the Modbury Primary School Choir have recently taken part in a couple of exciting events. On Wednesday 3rd February they took part in the Saltash Music, Speech and Drama Festival. The choir has around 21 members who had to perform two songs in competition with other schools from Devon and Cornwall. Modbury came first in their class and were presented with a cup. The noise they all made when they found out they had won was deafening. On the 13th February the choir were invited to perform at the Plymouth Mayflower Chorus evening of Love, Life and Laughter at the Devonport Playhouse in Plymouth. A very excited choir of about 15 children performed three songs for an audience of about 300 people. Also singing that evening were the Plymouth Area Police Choir. It was a great experience for all the children and they did really well to get up on stage in front of all those people.



There has been a spate of burglaries in the Ashford—Coombe area. Thieves have targeted outbuildings and have made way with garden machinery.

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20 Years Ago

Listed Buildings

The Department of the Environment has extended the statutory list of buildings in Ringmore "of special architectural or historic interest". The Parish Council has a copy of the new list, which anyone interested may consult.

10 Years Ago

The Churchyard

The Churchyard is almost full and to make way for further burials the PCC has obtained permission to remove some of the older gravestones to other parts of the graveyard. A figure of £800 - £1100 has been quoted for the actual work.

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 ???

National Trust

What a busy February we've had. It usually is, as we try to get all our scrub clearance, tree works and coppicing completed before the birds start to nest.

In the first week of February, we had a regional volunteer event where 17 long term volunteers from all over Devon and Cornwall came and worked outdoors alongside our team. The volunteers learnt new skills such as swaling (controlled burning) at Noss and Stoke cliffs, coppicing hazel in Wembury woods and Green wood working at Noss Mayo woods. It was a very enjoyable 3 days and we all learnt something new.

On the 9th and 10th of February we ran our annual Green Wood Working event with 12 participants enjoying 2 days tuition along with delicious baked potatoes cooked on the fire. The group came away with new skills and an interest in working with green wood. They also got to take home the items which they made over the two days which included rakes, mallets, hurdles and even a bird table.

I hope that many of you have already had a chance to look at the new surface on Ayrmer car park – although a little stark at the moment after a few months blending in it will provide year long access to the area without having to brave all those pot holes we've become accustomed to. Other recent works to note would be the progression of our hedge laying programme which has since moved to the roadside towards Challaborough. This will result in a brighter, drier road, a more sustainable hedge which is scheduled to be replanted where thin, and a large pile of hedge chippings in Ayrmer car park free to a good home, please help yourselves.

Please stop and have a chat to the team if you see us out working or if you have any comments about the work of the National Trust. For further information please call Richard Moore on 01548 810197 or email richardmoore@nationaltrust.org.uk

The Washington Post's Mensa Invitational once again invited readers to take any word from the dictionary, alter it by adding, subtracting, or changing one letter, and supply a new definition. Sent in by Richard Baker.

Here are some of the winners:

1. **Cashtration** (n.): The act of buying a house, which renders the subject financially impotent for an indefinite period of time.
 2. **Ignoranus** : A person who's both stupid and an asshole.
 3. **Intaxicatton** : Euphoria at getting a tax refund, which lasts until you realize it was your money to start with.
 4. **Reintarnation** : Coming back to life as a hillbilly.
 5. **Bozone** (n.): The substance surrounding stupid people that stops bright ideas from penetrating. The bozone layer, unfortunately, shows little sign of breaking down in the near future.
 6. **Foreploy** : Any misrepresentation about yourself for the purpose of getting laid.
 7. **Giraffiti** : Vandalism spray-painted very, very high
 8. **Sarchasm** : The gulf between the author of sarcastic wit and the person who doesn't get it.
 9. **Inoculatte** : To take coffee intravenously when you are running late.
- More next month! In the meantime perhaps you could think up some of your own!

MORE NEXT MONTH!

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So next Sunday he took the monsignor's advice.

At the beginning of the sermon, he got nervous and took a drink.

He proceeded to talk up a storm.

Upon his return to his office after the mass, he found the following note on the door:

- 1) Sip the vodka, don't gulp.
- 2) There are 10 commandments, not 12.
- 3) There are 12 disciples, not 10.
- 4) Jesus was consecrated, not constipated.
- 5) Jacob wagered his donkey, he did not bet his ass.
- 6) We do not refer to Jesus Christ as the late J.C.
- 7) The Father, Son, and Holy Ghost are not referred to as Daddy, Junior and the spook.
- 8) David slew Goliath; he did not kick the s**t out of him.
- 9) When David was hit by a rock and was knocked off his donkey, don't say he was stoned off his ass.
- 10) We do not refer to the cross as the 'Big T.'
- 11) When Jesus broke the bread at the last supper he said, 'Take this and eat it for it is my body.' He did not say 'Eat me'.
- 12) The Virgin Mary is not called 'Mary with the Cherry'.
- 13) The recommended grace before a meal is not: Rub-A-Dub-Dub thanks for the grub, Yeah God.
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I am very pleased to announce that the JE darts team beat the Modbury Inn, we were welcomed very much by Colin and Mary but the victory was ours! Well done dart's team. Got a few home matches coming up so keep a look out for the fixtures in the hallway.

Mother's Day - we will be ready to spoil mother's on March 14th with a two or three course set Sunday lunch with a choice of local roast meats or fresh fish, the menu will be in the hallway, so book your table now.

We launch our Springtime Menu in the 2nd week of March, so please come in and sample our new look seasonal offering.

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March Diary for the JE

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