

# Ringmore Parish Newsletter

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## Rainfall by Eleanor and Grace Purdy

Last Month:	42mm
10 year average:	69mm
10 year high:	178mm (2008)
10 year low:	13mm(2003)

## MOBILE LIBRARY: FRIDAY

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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## DIARY DATES

### Short Mat Bowls closed until September

Tuesday:	Table Tennis, Parish Room	8.00pm
Friday:	Quiz Night, Regatta Bar	8.45pm

### May

3rd	May Fair, WI Hall	2.00pm
5th	RBL meeting, Journey's End	7.30pm
6th	Parliamentary Election, WI Hall	7.00am-10.00pm
8th	Murder Mystery, Parish Room	6.45 for 7.30pm
13th	WI Meeting	7.30pm
18th	Parish Council Meeting, WI hall	7.00pm
19th	Coffee Morning, The Paddock	10.30am
19th	Police Surgery, Holywell Stores	11.00am
24th	Darts Tournament, Regatta Bar	from 6.30pm
30th & 31st	Cream Tea WI Hall	3.15-5.30pm

### June

2nd	RBL meeting, Dolphin Inn	7.30pm
7th	Volunteer work on Parish Room commences	
22nd	Parish Council Meeting, WI Hall	7.00pm

### July

20th	Parish Council Meeting, WI Hall	7.00pm
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### September

1st	RBL meeting, Journey's End	7.30pm
6th	Short Mat Bowls recommences	7.30pm
21st	Parish Council Meeting, WI Hall	7.00pm

### October

6th	RBL meeting, Dolphin End	7.30pm
19th	Parish Council Meeting, WI Hall	7.00pm

### November

3rd	RBL meeting, Journey's End	7.30pm
23rd	Parish Council Meeting, WI Hall	7.00pm

### December

1st	RBL meeting Dolphin Inn	7.30pm
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#### POLICE TEAM STREET SURGERY

Members of the local neighbourhood police team will be holding a street surgery at Holywell Stores, St Anns Chapel on Weds 19<sup>th</sup> May at 11am. We would be pleased to meet with local residents of both Ringmore and St Anns Chapel and listen to any concerns and priorities they may have.

**PC6805 Rachael Ward**  
Neighbourhood Beat Manager  
Kingsbridge Rural West



Nothing to Report

**FARE CAR**—The timetable is as follows:

**Mondays to Saturdays (except public holidays)**

Arrive Modbury	07.35	09.20	10.20	11.20	13.10	18.00
Depart Modbury	09.25	10.35	12.10	14.40	17.40	

**£2.00 each way**

Arrive Ivybridge	08.00	11.50	13.30	15.30	18.20
Depart Ivybridge	11.55	13.50	17.10	21.30	

**£2.50 each way**

Arrive Ivybridge Station	07.55	11.45	
Depart Ivybridge Station	17.20	19.15	21.35

**£2.50 each way**

Arrive Tesco Lee Mill	11.30
Depart Tesco Lee Mill	13.40

**£2.50 each way**

Pick-up and drop-off for journeys to and from Ivybridge:  
Sommerfield Car Park

Drop-off in Modbury: Post Office Pick-up from Modbury: Pickles  
To arrange travel, decide at which time you wish to arrive at your destination, telephone 01752 895658 at last a day before and no longer than a week before travel. You will then be given an approximate pick-up time from you home. Others may be picked up en route.

#### VOLUNTEERS WANTED

The Parish Room Committee is embarking on the next stage of the Parish Room refurbishment commencing on Monday 7th June 2010.

We intend to paint the ceiling of the hall, replace the floor in the kitchen, damp-proof, insulate and line the walls and refit the kitchen units together with a new cooker, hob and worktop.

If you would like to help, please contact me on 810738 to discuss dates, times and how you would like to help.

**Alan McCarthy**  
Chairman  
Ringmore Parish Room Committee

#### COFFEE MORNING

**WEDNESDAY 19TH MAY 2010**

at

**10.30am**

**FRANK AND DRINA'S  
THE PADDOCK, RINGMORE**

**DO COME!**

**ALL DONATIONS TO ST. LUKE'S HOSPICE**

#### PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION RINGMORE CALENDAR 2011

Don't forget you have until Monday 21 June 2010 to send in your photographs for the Sights of Ringmore Parish Competition. The best thirteen photographs will be used for the 2011 Calendar. Full details were in the April Newsletter.

**Alan McCarthy**

#### MOBILE FISHMONGER

John (the Fish) Walsh visits the Parish each Friday afternoon in his refrigerated van with a good selection of fresh fish and seafood. If you would like him to come to your door please telephone him on 01503 273140 or 07812 577703. No obligation to purchase every Friday



## CHURCH SERVICES & THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

	Bigbury 11.00 am	Kingston 9.30 am	Ringmore 9.30 am
2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Family Communion	Family Communion	Family Service
9 <sup>th</sup> May	Family Service	Family Service	Family Service
16 <sup>th</sup> May	Family Service	Holy Communion (BCP)	Family Service
19 <sup>th</sup> May (Wednesday)	Holy Communion at the		
23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Holy Communion (BCP)	Family Service	Family Communion
30 <sup>th</sup> May	Team Holy Communion in Modbury (10.30 am)		

### TIME TO TAKE STOCK?

From time to time it's a good idea to take stock of our lives. How have we been doing recently? Where are we going? Which way should we go?

When the Ascension of Jesus took place, the disciples were left gazing up into the empty sky, wondering what to do next and hoping that something might happen. That "something" was to be the gift of the Holy Spirit, who would enable them to carry out the command of Jesus to proclaim the gospel to a pagan and hostile Roman world. Thus Ascension Day, which this year is on 13<sup>th</sup> May, reminds Christians that the followers of Jesus are called to carry out God's work on earth. It's a very good time to take stock.

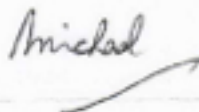
A good starting point is to **look around**, to look at the wonder of the world around us, with its beauty, complexity and vastness, to remember all the good things we enjoy ("count your blessings, name them one by one"), to think about God's love in sending Jesus to be the Saviour of all who trust him;

Sadly, there is much evil in the world. It's unfashionable to believe in the devil, but the Bible describes him as a "roaring lion, looking for someone to devour". Evil insinuates itself into people's lives, so **look out**, and be prepared. As Jesus said: "watch and pray".

The way to overcome evil is to **look up**, and keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, "on whom faith depends from start to finish". St Paul wanted to take hold of Christ's purpose for him: perfection. He knew he hadn't got there, but was doing his utmost to achieve it. Christians should be increasingly Christ-like – and that's a challenge for everyone!

People sometimes get completely bogged down with immediate problems. We need to be able to **look ahead**, to press on with the work God wants us to do. We mustn't let the past drag us down; we must look forward, not back, learning from our mistakes, but not being disabled by them. God will forgive all our past failures if we confess them to him, and will also give us the ability to succeed. The prize can be ours!

God promises never to abandon us or let us down. Perhaps the final exhortation should be to **look lively**, to be energetic and active as Christians, living life to the full now in the way that God intends.



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)

# Super Heroes Easter Holiday Club 2010



## “The Greatest Superhero of All”

Superheroes from across the parishes gathered again, (disguised as children aged 5-11, plus helpers) this time in Kingston, to have fun and discover more about the incredible story of the Resurrection - the ultimate ‘superhero’ achievement. We made a banner together with lots of creative ideas and details in it - you can look out for it as it will rotate hanging in each church, Kingston, Bigbury and Ringmore. The superhero boys worked together to make a sturdy cross (empty of course, after the Resurrection) with plenty of “square lashing” (a superhero scouting skill apparently!). We also sang rousing songs and had some races including the Easter egg and spoon race which

Neil (Modbury Rector) arrived in time to join in. The tea and cakes for everyone afterwards were just what Superheroes and parents needed to recharge the batteries

Thank you to everyone who was involved, including the leader!  
**Do look out for other J Team events in the future, with more fun and games!**



## NEWS FROM ALL HALLOWS

### Church clean up

Very many thanks to Drina and her team who cleaned and polished everything in the church so that it was looking really fresh for Easter. We are so grateful for everyone’s hard work.

### Church services

We are grateful to Michael Hinton for leading such an inspiring Easter service, which has been very much appreciated by many people

Many thanks also to Drina for leading the April lay led service, and to Gilbert Snook for giving us a memorable talk on God’s love and forgiveness – a challenging message delivered with a great sense of humour!

### “No Frills” coffee morning in aid of St. Luke’s Hospice!

#### May 19, 10.30 am at The Paddock.

No entry fee, no raffle, no charge for the coffee, simply a chance to come and enjoy a morning at The Paddock and give a donation to this excellent much loved organisation. If you are unable to come, Drina is happy to accept donations of any size, large or small. In view of the coming anniversary of Pat Skeels’ death, this is a timely event for Ringmore to support.

### Polite Notice

Would all pet owners please clean up after their pets in the churchyard. John Reid, who cuts the grass and keeps the churchyard looking neat and tidy, has been reporting an increasing amount of mess recently. This is very unhealthy and unfair on him. Your cooperation would be greatly appreciated.

Rosemary Piercy



**RINGMORE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2010 WI HALL 6.45PM**

**PRESENT** Chairman M.Hammond  
Cllrs.J.Deverson S.Hitchmough B.Lambell J.Parkin  
J.Reynolds  
Clerk M.Wood 1 Member of the Public

**APOLOGIES** - None

**DECLARATION OF PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS** - None

**OPEN SESSION** – Nothing to report

**MINUTES OF MARCH MEETING** – Signed as correct

**MATTERS ARISING**

The Challaborough Skip has been organised for Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> May.

Hope Rescue Boat – A letter has been received from Gary Streeter MP in response to our request for his help in getting the

decision to remove the boat overturned. Mr.Streeter is more than happy, after receiving other representations about the boat, to take these issues up with the Maritime and Coastguard Agency.

Boundary Stones – Item still pending, no reply has been received from Parish Council's insurers.

**ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**

Challaborough coastal path to Toby's Point – Peter Guy from South Hams District Council has been and inspected the path and reported that all is okay.

Cllr.Lambell stated that he has attended to the top part of the path at Cockle Lane and he will begin work on the bottom section of the path shortly.

Darkie Lane – Cllr.Deverson reported that the flap valve and catchment drain are still to be finalised.

**PARISH PLAN**

The action plan has now been updated.

Parish Emergency Plan leaflet will now be attached to the June Newsletter.

**FINANCE**

Cheques agreed and signed.

Aon Insurance £409.48

DAPC £50.92

The clerk reported that the yearly audit was due and she will contact our internal auditor.

**PLANNING**

Planning Permission Granted

40/0968/09/F Conversion of barn to single dwelling Middle Manor

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Newsletter – The draft financial statement was reviewed; due to an oversight the signed approved version is in London.

A parishoner has requested dog fouling signs to be placed in the parish, especially in areas where live stock are kept. Beach cleaning at Challaborough is complete with the help of visitors.

The poor state of the Challaborough road past the Coastguard Cottages was reported – this item will be added to the May agenda.

It was decided to change this Council's policy and produce an agenda and minute future AGM meetings.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING** 18<sup>TH</sup> MAY

**APRIL FOOL**

Most of you will have realised that the piece about the ownership of the Ringmore Parish Newsletter was an April Fool although, we are pleased to say that, at least some members of the Parish were caught out!

Editorial Team

## RAINFALL RATS AND REVIVAL!

Some highlights from my trip to Burundi.

Why did I go to Burundi? Mainly because I am passionate about the vision of Flame International, with whom we work. We bring support and healing to people traumatised by war, and we find that once the trauma begins to lift, they can begin to take their lives into their own hands by becoming employable and then finding employment. Often whole communities become inspired to raise funds, build roads and schools, and their way of life is transformed. Helping in practical ways is of course important, but in the words of one local contact, "People are given food, clothing, and shelter, but the hatred is still there, and they cannot begin to live until the trauma is released."

I do NOT get on well with rats, but on this trip I found to my surprise that I was able to survive when the local rat group, having made several visits to what passed for a kitchen, swung up into the rafters for some much needed exercise, which they found by racing through the long low building from one end to the other. This involved visiting every bedroom.....

Water is a real issue: we arrived at one village to find that hours previously another area had bribed the local authorities to divert the water supply, so that there was not even a trickle to welcome us. We of course could manage for a few days on barrels of water brought in from another area, but imagine the local hospital with 1,100 patients and nothing for cleaning or cooking. On a happier note, we held an unforgettable meeting during which the local leaders prayed for each area of the country; within 2 hours it began to rain steadily and continuously in one province which had been drought-stricken for years.

And revival? We visited 2 communities, teaching, counselling and running workshops, and we watched as expressionless faces began to come to life; those who walked with invisible but real burdens began to literally stand upright as they made the choice to begin to forgive those who had killed or maimed their families during the brutal civil war. We saw hope and humour beginning to return – surely one of the best kinds of revival!

If you would like to know more about Flame do visit [www.flameinternational.org](http://www.flameinternational.org), or contact Christopher or myself.

Rosemary Piercy

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## THE NEXT INSTALLMENT OF STAN AND PAM'S TRAVELS ON THE SOUTH WEST WAY

Day 8. From Ladram Bay it was about 2½ miles to Sidmouth. Strenuous climb - 500ft. Wonderful views. Had lunch in a hayfield which was usually biscuits and cheese. We carried a small camping stove. Our luxury was skimmed milk carried in a vacuum flask. Otherwise whole milk produced butter and whey jogging about in the haversack.

Dropping down to Sidmouth it started to rain. We decided to call on John & Margaret Messervy who lived for a number of years at Noddon. We spent the rest of the day with them and were invited to stay the night. (I did offer to put the tent up in the garden but I think John was worried about his lawn.)

John and Astra, their dog, walked a short way with us the next morning. From about here, landslips occur. Whole chunks of land have slipped, some into the sea, forming undercliffs mostly inaccessible, becoming undisturbed nature reserves.

Through Branscombe, a very attractive village, on to Beer passing through Hooken landslip and on to Axmouth where we camped for the night by the river. We were greeted with another cup of tea by the couple in the trailer tent who had moved. They said they were pleased and surprised we had survived, so far.

From Axmouth we walked through the famous Dowlands landslip to Lyme Regis. Fortunately a fine day. The path is very narrow and twists & turns and climbs through the nearest thing to a virgin forest, with no escape routes, for 5 miles. About 100 species of birds have been identified including nightingales.

It became quite dark in places. (Pam was already finding the whole experience quite scary. We heard what sounded like something heavy crashing through the undergrowth. I didn't help by saying it may be a pack of hounds. It was in fact four marines in full kit.) It took about 2½ hours to get through to Lyme Regis, then along the beach to Charmouth. Lots of fossil hunters on the beach as there had been a landslide.

The next day we climbed Golden Cap - 612 ft. The highest point along the south coast. The views were amazing. Start Point to Portland Bill. (We met a man who told us he climbed up regularly, was 72 and told Pam she had good legs for walking. She was not too pleased!) So on to West Bay and the start of Chesil Beach. Walking alongside of a golf course we found four golf balls. Stan threw them on a green, confusing for the golfers. (Sorry golfers, I will never live that down. I was only trying to help.)

The going was hard behind Chesil Beach and the shingle had covered the path. There was nowhere to camp. We walked for 12 hours and in desperation walked inland and found a lovely spot overlooking Abbotsbury Swannery. Overrun with rabbits. Two foxes almost joined us eating our dehydrated meal. We were awakened at 4am by a cock pheasant and from the tent we could see the swans through the mist.

From here we were diverted away from the beach as Terns were nesting. Round the Fleet, (shallow lakes similar to Slapton.) on to Weymouth. We sat on the beach surrounded by rubbish, Radio 1 and a bingo hall. Quite a culture shock. A thunderstorm found us taking cover in a promenade shelter (where we "brewed up" much to everyone's amusement and entertainment.) Camping near the lost village of Ringstead. We walked on to Lulworth Cove. We relaxed here, whilst we arranged transport round the tank ranges, watching a yacht slowly beating its way out of the Cove. (The range is a nature reserve. The wildlife seems to just ignore the tanks.)

We found the path again near the "dead village of Tynham" (taken over by the army in 1943)

The next day we would be entering oil country with its nodding donkeys and wet oily mud.



RINGMORE

# May Fair

Bank Holiday Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May

**2 p.m. in the W.I. Hall**

Cakes – plants – bric-a-brac – books – ice creams – raffle  
tombola – face painting ... and much more!!

**Enjoy a cream tea!**

*Adults £1 (includes lucky number programme)*

*Children FREE!*

Enjoy a

the **WI**

# Cream Tea

in

## Ringmore W.I. Hall

*Bank Holiday Sunday & Monday*

*30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> May*

*3.15 to 5.30 pm*

***A treat for the whole family***



**RINGMORE HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

**THE PARISH AND ITS PILCHARDS**

**A Vital Local Industry Remembered**

**By Herbert Hingston-Randolph, Rector of All Hallows 1911-1934**

**Part 1**

'.....The ruined remains of old Cellars where fish were once cured and salted are still to be seen at Challaborough and on Burgh Island. But few people today can imagine the scene that enlivened our coast when those cellars were busy. Those were indeed the golden days in the history of the Parish. For the information I am able to give you,

I am indebted to Mr T. Farley who has kindly drawn on the lively recollections of his youth.

As soon as it was known that the fish had entered the bay [at Challaborough] the huer - an old French word from which we get our word 'hue', as in 'hue and cry' - was posted on the cliffs to watch the shore and movement of the fish. The Master Seiner [Master of Nets], who was always on the watch for the favourable moment for taking them, held his boat in readiness until he gave the order to go into action. The boats employed were three in number: the seine-boat on which the great net was stacked, manned by a crew of nine, three of whom, including the skipper, attended to the shooting of the net; The 'volyer', or follower, with the tuck-net, and implemented for mooring; the great skip-seine, also with a crew of nine; and a smaller boat called the 'larker', or 'lurker', from which the Master Seiner directed operations.

As soon as the word of command was given, the rowers bent to their own with a will and quickly reached the desired spot. Then the Great Seine [the huge net], some hundred-and-sixty fathoms in length and twelve fathoms in depth, was cast. The boat rowed gently round the shoal, the 'voleur' keeping the net taut at the other end, until the circle round it was made. While the extreme ties were being brought together, the 'lurker' took up its position in the opening, the men lashing the water with their paddles to keep the fish from escaping by the only way which was still open to them. Once the ends of the net were brought into contact they were quickly lashed together, and the capture was securely effected. It was a pretty sight to watch, and was performed with such speed and dexterity that the whole huge net was often shot in less than ten minutes. Then the seine with its great burden of fish, often running into millions, was drawn by means of a winch worked from a boat at anchor as near to the shore as the depth of water would admit.

For this operation it was necessary for the boat with the winch to take up a fresh point again and again until the final resting place was reached. The greatest care had to be exercised during the operation by the men on the other boats in order to keep the fish from escaping through any sagging of the net or other contingencies. Mr Farley knew of one occasion when the weight of fish was so enormous that the net burst asunder and the whole catch was lost. While the seine, at last, was safely moored by the men on the volyer, the tuck-net, by means of which the fish were removed from the seine, was brought into operation. The fish were taken out of the tuck-net in flasks, or flaskets, loaded on to the boats which were filled to the gunwales, and conveyed safely to the shore at an easy distance from the cellars. The scenes that followed on the sands and in the cellars were more animated and certainly more picturesque and impressive than anything that Bigbury-on-Sea produces today.

Mr Farley told me that as many as forty men were employed to assist the fishermen and as many women in the cellars. Ringmore and Bigbury simply employed themselves on the Warren and the Island sands.'

TO BE CONCLUDED



**RINGMORE PARISH ROOM  
PRESENTS**

**AN UTTERLY BEASTLY  
MURDER**

Performed by Murders Assured

on

**SATURDAY MAY 8th**

Tickets £7.50

Available only from Holywell Stores

Doors open 6.45 Curtain up 7.30 prompt

Bring you own supper, drinks & implements

**Numbers limited so get your tickets soon to avoid  
disappointment**

## RECIPE FOR MAY

VERY SIMPLE, VERY ELEGANT, VERY DELICIOUS .....

### LEMON POSSET

500ml fresh double cream  
150g caster sugar  
75 ml lemon juice

Put the cream and sugar into a saucepan and bring to the boil, stirring occasionally to help dissolve the sugar. Lower the heat and let the mix seethe and boil gently for about three minutes, stirring regularly. Remove from the heat and stir in the lemon juice. Leave it for just a little while to settle. It should be smooth and rich-looking.

Elegance is achieved by how you now prepare the posset for serving. It should be served in really small glass or porcelain dishes, or tiny ramekins, or even small, shallow wine glasses, and eaten with little tea or coffee spoons, preferably quite slowly. If you wish, have some little amaretti or wafer-thin shortbreads to offer as accompaniments.

Refrigerate the little pots of delight, covered, for a couple of hours or more before serving. They freeze beautifully as well, and defreeze quite quickly.

The number of people this recipe will serve depends largely on the size of your dishes. I would expect the above measures of ingredients to provide about eight little portions. Just increase the amounts of the ingredients if you want to offer seconds.

Di Collinson

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## National Trust

April has been an eventful month to say the least. The wonderfully warm spell at the middle of the month meant for a busy Easter break for our new team of car park rangers at Wembury beach. Many people became a member of the National Trust, enabling their membership money to be used in the local area for such work as improving footpaths, repairing fences, hedges and renewing information boards to name but a few.

April also saw the arrival of the first Dartmoor pony foals up at Wembury Point. Pongo, a Dartmoor cross British native spotted pony was born on the 5<sup>th</sup> April. His unusual markings were met with much interest and surprise from the public and press alike. Several more mares are due to foal in the coming weeks, so keep your eyes peeled for other new arrivals.

The Yealm estuary played host to several intrepid explorers through the Up the Yealm – Canoe adventure on 13<sup>th</sup> April. All of us set out in our Canadian canoes to paddle up the estuary to gain some stunning views of the shores and woodlands as well as getting close to some of the bird life as we paddled quietly on by. A beautiful low-tide secluded beach was a prime spot for bonfire baked potatoes and a reinvigorating cuppa. Everyone fully enjoyed themselves and the weather could not have been kinder for us.

Now for some up and coming events in May:

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May – 10am – 1pm - Bluebell walk through Wembury Woods.** Join the National Trust warden for a stroll on the woodland path through Wembury woods and enjoy the sights and sounds of Spring. Starting from Wembury Village car park, behind Wembury primary school SX528 496. Adult £3

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> May 11am – 1pm Asparagus and Sea air event** at Worswell Farm Noss Mayo. Come along and learn more about the cultivation of a delicious spring time veg, which includes a tour of the asparagus fields and cooking demonstration. Veg boxes will also be on sale. Booking essential. Adults £3 Child £1

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> May 7pm– Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> 8am – Overnight and under the stars – a wildlife adventure for families.** Set up a wild camp and after sunset enjoy some bat watching and star gazing. Round the camp fire enjoy hot spuds and some nighttime storytelling. Then its heads down because they'll be an early start to catch the dawn chorus (5am). The adventure finishes with a bacon roll, juice and a coffee. Adult £15. Child £5. Booking essential.

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May – 10.30am – 3pm - Discover butterflies and blennies. A family wildlife adventure.** From countryside to coast, discover amazing bugs, unusual plants, fascinating trees, and curious sea creatures. Spend a whole day with a National Trust Warden and Wembury Marine Centre staff exploring the woods, wetlands and rock pools. Adult £3, Child £1 Booking essential

For further information about any of these events please look on the National Trust website or call the South and East Devon Countryside office on 01752 346585

Finally a big Thank you to any of you who took part in the Arymer beach clean and survey on the 27<sup>th</sup> March. All the data was passed onto the Marine Conservation society who will collaborate it with nationwide surveys.

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](mailto:richardmoore@nationaltrust.org.uk)

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20 Years Ago

The village was preoccupied with a number of different issues such as a new property not matching the agreed plans, the unannounced closure of the Post Office, the replacement, against listed building regulations, of windows in the Post Office and action against the moving of large caravans through the village to Challaborough

10 Years Ago

The recent rains had wrought some havoc on the coastline. No doubt continual seepage had contributed to a large rock fall between Ayrmer and Westcombe, which had blocked the tunnel between the beaches. There was concern that people would be denied this 'novelty' for some time (it could have been a few thousand years) but it was an area to be avoided

### A BEAUTIFUL AND APPROPRIATE MEMORIAL TO DAVID DESIGNED AND SCULPTED BY RORY

Following the short service held by John Elliott in Ringmore Churchyard on the 6<sup>th</sup> April 2010 that blessed the stone and commended the ashes of David Young to rest, I was requested to write a little article about the beautiful design and workmanship of the stone and record some information about the designer and sculptor. Rory Young, Andrea's nephew, is a graduate in Fine Arts and self trained in masonry and carving and has produced beautiful work for very illustrious buildings and locations. The Great West Door of York Minster includes sculptures of a new Genesis Cycle by Rory; Southwell Minster has a life size Millenium Pilgrim carved from blue- hearted Ancaster limestone and he has carried out renovation and repair work to stonework in many famous and historic buildings all over the country. Recently a new and modern life size crucifix was unveiled at one of the oldest catholic churches in England, Wolverhampton, Rory said that this was the most exciting and daunting to date not least because he chose to be working in a new material - aluminium. Now he is involved with proposals for seven life size depictions of saints at St. Albans Cathedral (incidentally it is the oldest site of continuous Christian worship in England) including one of St. Alban the martyr, of course Andrea has a sketch of the design. He is also involved in various related Societies, the Georgian Group, the Society for Protection of Ancient Buildings and giving lectures on a variety of connected subjects—a very busy and industrious and talented man indeed. Whilst in Ringmore Rory was excited to observe the 12<sup>th</sup> century stained glass window in Ringmore church and spent a little time photographing it after the service. (it is the one in the south window to the west of the entrance and is worth viewing). This brings me back to the reason for the article, the memorial stone, carved in dark slate, laid horizontally, it overlooks and illustrates the sea at Ayrmer and the sky above with a string of geese, a sight that both Andrea and David loved to see. Ringmore is privileged to have a piece of work by such a renowned artist and craftsman, sadly of course marking the passing of one so loved by the family and friends of David.



John Bracey

### THANK YOU AND CONGRATULATIONS

A note of gratitude to Sandy and Emily who rushed around with the village defibrillator, fortunately not needed, to Scypen on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> April when I fell from my perch unknowingly and unwittingly and Ann was shocked to find me "grovelling" on the floor. I am informed that Sandy arrived within less than 3 minutes, the target time for emergencies, and was wonderful. I was a little confused at the time and did not recognise Ben, who also came; Emily swiftly followed as back-up and the workshop became fuller when the ambulance crew arrived, again very swiftly, to take me to A+E at Derriford. The medical team there were very efficient, could not find anything seriously wrong with me but in view of my recent medical history, kept me under observation until Saturday. I feel so humbled to have such devoted people willing so enthusiastically to provide a first call service for the people in this fantastic village; aren't we lucky, especially me!

John Bracey

### These glorious insults are from an era before the English language got boiled down to 4-letter words:

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