



RINGMORE PARISH NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2010



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Andrea and her Family wish everyone a wonderful Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year



Christmas Greetings and good wishes for the New Year to all friends and neighbours from Shandy and Natalie

Happy Christmas
Ringmore
And
Heres to next year!
Anna



James and Gillian send Christmas Greetings to everyone and wish them a very happy New Year



Phill and Sally wish their friends and neighbours a very Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy and peaceful New Year

Where's the time gone? It can't be a year,
Since 2009's turkey and cheer.
To all of our friends, so far and so near
Now that Christmas time is already here -
Good luck, good health and a peaceful New
Year
Robbie, Alan and Probie

The Purdy Family
would like to wish all their friends
and neighbours a
Merry Christmas
and a very
Happy New Year

*Thank you all for
your friendship
We hope you
have a wonderful
Christmas
Jackie & Michael*

To all my Avon customers
Merry Christmas and a
happy New Year to you all
and thanks for your valued
custom in 2010. November
sales enabled me to donate
£56 to the RBL—many,
many thanks.

Sharon Jones

*Gill and Carmen
would like to
wish all their
friends in
Ringmore a very
happy Christmas*

Wishing all our friends the peace and joy which the true meaning of Christmas brings
Adrian and Judy

The Editorial Team wish everyone a joyous Christmas and send thanks to all those who have sent articles and photographs for publication during the year. Special thanks to the distributors who turn out in all weathers. Everyone's support is much appreciated



DIARY DATES

Monday: Short Mat Bowls 7.30pm
Tuesday: Table Tennis 8.00pm
Thursday Quiz, Journey's End 9.00pm

December

1st RBL meeting Dolphin Inn 7.30pm
1st Carol Singing, Barnford 7.30pm
4th Church Clean 10.00am
6th Music at The Paddock 7.30pm
9th Carol singing, Barnford 7.30pm
15th Carol signing, Barnford 7.30pm
18th Christmas Church Flowers 10.00 - 3.00pm
19th Carol Service 6.00pm
24th Midnight communion 11.00pm

January

10th Music at the Paddock 7.30pm
13th WI Meeting 7.30am
18th Parish Council Meeting 7.00pm
19th Sign Up, Community Classes, St. Georges 7.00-8.00pm

February

7th Tearfund Lunch, WI Hall 12.00-2.00pm
10th WI Meeting 7.30pm
12th Parish Room Quiz Night
14th Music at the Paddock 7.30pm
15th Parish Council Meeting 7.00pm

March

2nd Parish Room AGM
7th Tearfund Lunch, WI Hall 12.00-2.00pm
14th Music at the Paddock 7.30pm
10th WI Meeting 7.30pm
22nd Parish Council Meeting 7.00pm

April

14th WI Meeting 7.30pm
19th Parish Council Meeting 7.00pm

May

2nd WI May Fair
12th WI Meeting

June

9th WI Summer Meal

Rainfall by Eleanor and Grace Purdy

Last month: 90mm
10 year average: 107mm
10 year high: 203mm (2000)
10 year low: 25mm (2004)

MOBILE LIBRARY:

FRI. DEC. 10th

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

TUES. JAN 4th and 18th

Kingston Fire Station 10.15-11.00
Ringmore Church 11.10-11.55
Bigbury-on-Sea 12.20-13.05
Bigbury Green 14.00-14.30
Modbury Aylestone Pk 14.45-15.30
Modbury Poundwell Sq. 15.35-16.35

WED. JAN 5th and 19th

Aveton Gifford Hall 9.15-10.15

RINGMORE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Wednesday January 12th

7.30

In the WI hall

Christmas and New Year customs in Devon



An illustrated talk by Dr Todd Gray

ALL WELCOME

Tearfund Lunches

Tearfund soup lunches will start again on Monday 7th February served from mid-day to 2.00pm in the WI Hall. All proceeds to Tearfund.

CHRISTMAS CHURCH FLOWERS

As the new "Flower Lady" I am asking all flower arrangers to come to the Church on Saturday 18th December to decorate for Christmas. Maybe we could persuade those men and children who enjoy arranging to join the flower ladies - please come. I will be there between 10.00am and 3.00pm to assist, advise, and arrange. I will be bringing refreshments for us all. The theme will be white and green so please, please come along and bring suitable flowers. There will be lots of foliage available. I really look forward to seeing you all then.

Rosemary (810211)

CHURCH SERVICES & THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

	Bigbury 11.00 am	Kingston 9.30 am	Ringmore 9.30 am
5 th December	Family Communion	Family Communion	Family Service
12 th December	Family Service	Christingle (4.30 pm)	Family Communion
15 th December (Wednesday)	Holy Communion at the Korniloff (2.30 pm)		
19 th December	Carol Service	Family Communion	Carol Service (6 pm)
21 st December (Tuesday)		Carol Service (7.30 pm)	
Christmas Eve			Midnight Communion (11 pm)
Christmas Day	Holy Communion (BCP)	Family Communion (10.30 am)	
26 th December	Team Family Communion in Aveton Gifford (10.30 am)		
2 nd January	Family Communion	Family Service	Family Service
9 th January	Family Service	Family Service	Family Service
16 th January	Family Service	Family Communion	Village Service
19 th January (Wednesday)	Holy Communion at the Korniloff (2.30 pm)		
23 rd January	Holy Communion (BCP)	Family Service	Family Communion
30 th January	Team Family Communion in Kingston (10.30 am)		



"Happy Christmas"



"Bah humbug"



As we journey through this month, the message "Happy Christmas" will come to us and from us in many different ways.

Day after day as we open our post and others open the cards we send, it will be there. We will all have to decide who to keep on the list and who to cross off. In bright decorations in shops and illuminations it will catch our eye; it will be shouted from TV advertisements; whispered in a midnight carol or felt in the gift that tells us that someone is thinking of us.

But in a world far from "Happy" at Christmas, or any other time of year, some will echo Scrooge's "Bah! Humbug!", unable to see what it's all about and questioning: "Why happy?"

Instead of writing, or shouting from a long way away, God came in person to visit the world, to get alongside people in Jesus, the living message. And the message was and is that we are loved; loved more than we could imagine; loved more than we realize. Not crossed off the list, but only when the message finds us and we receive it, does it make the difference which transforms our lives, as it did those who first received it.

*May the joy of the angels, the wonder of the shepherds
and the peace of Christ fill your hearts this Christmas time.*

Neil Barker

*Team Rector: The Revd Neil Barker (830260: not available on Mondays)
Team Reader: Michael Tagent (810520)*

NEWS FROM ALL HALLOWS

Remembrance Day Service November 14th

Thank you Michael for taking such a moving and relevant service, and our thanks to all who also took part. As we listened to the roll calls of those local people who died for our country we were reminded that Remembrance Day is not simply a time to be grateful for those who died in two World Wars, but we also need to remember those who have died or been disabled in recent wars such as Iraq and Afghanistan.

Calling all cleaners!

A reminder that the pre-Christmas church clean-up will take place on December 4th from 10.00 am. Bring your cleaning things and have a morning that is satisfying and good fun.

Candlelit Carol Service December 19th

This will take place at 6.00 pm followed by mince pies and mulled wine and once again it will no doubt be one of the very special highlights in the Ringmore calendar. As last year we have invited representatives of all the many various village organisations to take part in the service by reading out a suitable Christmas reading. Adrian is working on the service layout and will forward the reading to the appropriate people in good time for them to get familiar with it. Come early to secure your seat!

Church Garden Seat

All Hallows would like to thank John Milne-Smith for the splendid wooden garden seat he has recently donated in memory of his late wife June who sadly passed away earlier this year. The seat has been positioned under the great big Yew tree behind the church where people can sit and reflect on their loved ones or enjoy the peace of the surroundings.

The Village Service

Our next gathering is on January 16th at 9.30 am and it seems appropriate to start the New Year with a service that focuses on praising God for his blessings. If you have a particular song or hymn that you love do let us know – and come along to help us sing it!

Monthly Giving

We will shortly be distributing the 2011 envelopes to those that regularly give to All Hallows on a monthly basis. It is a tremendous help as we can also collect the Gift Aid from tax payers which currently enhances contributions by around 25%. If you do not receive the envelopes in the near future or wish to participate in the scheme then please contact Phill (810547) or Adrian (810420). Many people, wrongly, worry that their giving disappears into central funds via the "Common Fund" and is wasted on unnecessary administration and hierarchy, but the figures show that the cost of the diminishing number of parish clergy exceeds the total contributions to the "Common Fund". This means the churches are net receivers from the diocese and contribute nothing towards the costs of Bishops.



Nothing to Report

RINGMORE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

From *Kilvert's Diary 1870*

Sunday, Christmas Day

As I lay awake praying in the early morning I thought I heard a sound of distant bells. It was an intense frost. I sat down in my bath upon a sheet of thick ice which broke in the middle into large pieces whilst sharp points and jagged edges stuck all round the sides of the tub like chevrons de frise, not particularly comforting to the naked thighs and loins, for the keen ice cut like broken glass. The ice water stung and scorched like fire. I had to collect the floating pieces of ice and pile them on a chair before I could use the sponge and then I had to thaw the sponge in my hands for it was a mass of ice. The morning was most brilliant. Walked to the Sunday School with Gilbert and the road sparkled with millions of rainbows, the seven colours gleaming in every glittering point of hoar frost. The Church was very cold in spite of two roaring stove fires. Mr. V. preached and went to Bettws.

The list of trained First Aiders

REMEMBER TO ALWAYS RING 999 FIRST

Sandy Hammond	810572	Emily & Andi King	811210
Alan Eaves	810648	Karen Purdy	810382
Mike Wilson	810211	Jane Reynolds	811218
Debbie Mercy	811276		



RINGMORE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY 23RD NOVEMBER WI HALL 7.00PM

PRESENT Chairman M.Hammond

Cllrs. J.Deverson B.Lambell J.Parkin

B.Carson Clerk M.Wood

One member of the public

Apologies – W.Mumford S.Hitchmough J.Reynolds

DECLARATION OF PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS - None

OPEN SESSION – Nothing to report

MINUTES OF OCTOBER MEETING – Signed as correct

MATTERS ARISING

Challaborough Road – The Chairman reported that he had sent an e-mail to Mr.Mumford but no reply has been received. He will pursue this matter further.

Hope Cove Rescue Boat – The Maritime and Coastguard Agency have given the boat to the residents of Hope Cove who are hoping to run this as a charity. They have also allowed the use of the building for a peppercorn rent. It is hoped that the boat will still cover our area.

Avglen Fell Hedge – On our behalf, Cllr.B.Carson will contact the owners to try and get the hedge cut back.

No Entry Signs – The Chairman reported that the one by the church had been raised and was much clearer to see. He has also asked Devon County Council to look into improving the “No Entry” signs in an attempt to reduce the number of vehicles driving through the centre of the village.

Permissive Footpath to St. Ann’s – No further news at present.

B.CARSON

A budget meeting will be held during the 1st week in December to determine the budget for 2011-12. After the budget which will include the required cuts discussions will then take place to agree which services will have their funds cut back. Mr.Carson also stated that sharing services and costs with West Devon they have already made substantial. It is planned that all telephone calls and e-mails to both councils will be made through Follaton House. Savings are also being made by not replacing staff who retire or leave. The Chairman asked Mr.Carson to explain the changes to the South Hams District Council’s structure. It is proposed to continue with a leader and cabinet which it is entitled to adopt without holding a referendum. Such a referendum would have decided whether to have directly- elected mayor instead of a leader.

ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

Bus shelter drainage – Cllr.Lambell to clear this week.

Higher Manor Barn (Kachelo) Wall – Cllr.Deverson will get in touch with the agents regarding the wall that is bulging badly.

Footpath F14 Darkie Lane – Cllr.Deverson reported that Peter Guy Devon County Council has stated that they have no further plans to do any more work on the drainage system.

Works to trees in a conservation area reference 40/2641/10/TCA Orchard House Ringmore – council had no objection.

PLANNING

Application 40/2164/10/F Avglen Fell will be discussed by Development Control on the 1st December.

PARISH PLAN

Emergency Planning – In principle it is a good idea to have a simple plan in place.

Cllrs are to give some thought to a simple framework which can be discussed fully in the New Year.

FINANCE

Cheques agreed and signed –

Clerks quarterly salary and expenses.

Ringmore W.I for the use of the Hall £100

AON Insurance £15.89 added to premium costs to insure the defibrillator.

£46.23 payable to Mrs M. Hammond for producing the fridge magnets.

The precept for 2011/2012 was discussed and it was agreed to remain the same figure of £3200.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Chairman reported on the Charterlands Ward Profile statistics for the parish of Ringmore.

A meeting is to be held in St. Ann's on the 15th December to explain to Cllrs what the Code of Conduct entails. The Chairman asked Cllrs. to attend as this would be beneficial.

Cllr. Lambell stated that a stile before the stream on footpath F13 (lower end of Cockle Lane) had been removed to allow the siting of one of the boundary stones.

This has not been replaced. He will investigate before correspondence is sent to the Grimshaw family.

Cllr Deverson requested that entry signs and street furniture is placed on the next agenda for discussion.

A member of the parish council will attend the carol service on the 19th December to either do a reading or a poem.

The Chairman thanked all Cllrs. and the Clerk for their efforts during 2010.

The Parish Council wishes all parishioners a Happy Christmas and Peaceful New Year.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING 18th JANUARY 2011

Chris Roberts



It was with much sadness we heard of Chris Roberts' passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family at this very difficult time. Chris was a wonderful supporter of the RBL, his enthusiastic efforts on behalf of the Branch went on largely behind the scenes, quietly and without fuss. We will miss his presence, kind and gentle leadership, his strength, generosity of spirit and his sense of humour. We will remember him with much fondness.

Roberta McCarthy
Hon Secretary

The news of the death of **Chris Roberts** on Tuesday 9th November 2010 was met with shock and great sorrow.

Chris moved to Houghton Cottage in the mid 1990s following the death of his wife Jette. He chose this area as it is both near Dartmoor, where he loved to walk, and close to the sea. Chris soon became involved in the Church, the Royal British Legion and the Historical Society. He was also a keen member of Aune Valley Conservation and, when time allowed, he fished the Avon and managing his wood gave him great pleasure. He was fortunate to have his children Toby and Tina living close by and Chris liked nothing better than to watch his grandsons play football and rugby. After his marriage to Jan, Chris moved to Marwell House but returned to his cottage after her untimely death. Chris was loved and respected by all and will be greatly missed.

A Thanksgiving and Memorial Service will be held in All Hallows on Friday 3rd December 2010 at 2.00pm

The Editorial Team

Chris Roberts

We would like to thank the village of Ringmore for all their kindness and support during Dad's illness.
Tina and Toby



WI PROGRAMME FOR 2011

The next meeting is on **Thursday 13th January** when PC Steve Murch, Youth Issues Officer for Devon & Cornwall Police will be explaining the work of a Plymouth based project called "Hit the Surf". 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.

The remainder of the programme next year features local speakers:

- 10 February – "The Life and Times of a Psychic" – Michele Knight of Old Castle
- 10 March – "A case of Delirium or do men prefer blondes?" – James Parkin hosts a Belgian beer tasting
- 14 April- "Thailand and Cambodia: new travel discoveries" - John and Anne Bracey
- 12 May – "Smell the Benefits of Aromatherapy" – Karen Purdy
- 14 July – "Painting on china" – Rosemary Piercy
- 13 October – Flower weaving" – Annie McLaren

In addition to the above, we will be holding the May Fair on 2 May and our popular Summer Meal on 9 June. We look forward to seeing you.

Parish Room Update

The Ringmore Calendar profits are used to fund the renovation of the Parish Room and whilst improvements have been made there is still a long way to go. Our next major project is re-roofing, using the best of the existing slates on the front and new slates on the rear. Breathable roofing felt, eaves protectors, new battens and some replacement rafters will also be fitted. Provided we are fortunate in obtaining a 50% grant the work will take place in the Spring. As the recent renovations have absorbed most of our funds we need to raise more, which brings me back to the calendar. There are still some available but stocks are dwindling fast so make sure of your copy, or copies, as soon as possible. They are available from Holywell Stores or from me.

Also, do not forget to put Saturday 12 February 2011 in your diary when we will be holding a quiz in the Parish Room. Details will be on notice boards around the village and at Holywell Stores early in the New Year.

With best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

Alan McCarthy, Chairman. Parish Room Committee

Christmas Cocktails

Cranberry Cocktail

- 50ml vodka
- 25ml orange liqueur
- 2 tsp lime cordial
- 24ml cranberry juice

Place all ingredients into a shaker with some ice. Shake well, strain and serve.

Champagne Cocktail

- 125ml Grand Marnier
- 75ml grenadine
- 1 large orange, cut into 8 wedges
- 8 sugar cubes
- Bottle Cave, chilled

Divide liqueur and grenadine among 8 glasses. Put orange wedge and sugar cube in each. Fill with Cave.

Operation Christmas Child

A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to the magnificent response to this appeal, especially to all those who gave donations of items, filled boxes and money and to everyone who helped by knitting, covering boxes, shopping, sorting and packing the boxes.

Thanks to the wonderful generosity of everyone involved in the Ready Steady Arrange event, when £480 was raised, and to the kind donations of money after the event we were able to cover the transport costs of £212.50 and still have a substantial sum remaining with which to buy items to supplement or fill extra boxes.



We finally completed 86 boxes overflowing with exciting and colourful gifts!

As you can see they looked really lovely. I will know at a later date where they have been sent, but wherever it is, it is certain that each one is going to bring happiness to a child living in a difficult situation and will possibly be the first present they have ever received

Alison Wynne-Powell

QUARRY PARK GARAGE

Anne Lambell has kindly provided some information about Quarry Park Garage, after a photo of the Johns Family, owners in the fifties, was printed in last month's Newsletter.

The Hunters built Quarry Park bungalow in about 1930 and he started up his repair garage and one petrol pump in the late thirties. They had one son, Donald, who married my first cousin May Popplestone. Mr. Hunter and Donald were both over six feet tall and Mrs. Hunter was 4 ft. 11" and known to my cousin Primrose as "little Granny". The steps which Mr. Hunter used to get down to his garage from his garden can still be seen in the hedge on the right of the Journey's End car park. Mr. Hunter had a grey mare call Kitty which my sister and I used to ride. She was broken to harness and as children we used to have a ride in the trap and sometimes, as a treat, as far as Modbury when Mr. and Mrs. Hunter went there to do their shopping. At one stage Mr. Hunter bought a black stallion called Nigger that was supposed to have been broken to harness but the first time Mr. Hunter tried to harness him up he kicked the bottom out of the trap. He was rapidly sold on!

Mrs. Hunter died in the late forties and Mr. Hunter moved to Bournemouth to live with relatives having sold Quarry Park to his nephew, Fernley Searle, who lived there with his sister, Nellie. Mr. Searle ran the garage for a short time and eventually rented the garage and workshop to Grenville Johns. When Mr. Johns died no one else took the garage on so Ringmore lost it's one petrol pump! The Searles eventually, after several years, sold Quarry Park to a Gladys and Ken Hinks. She was a wonderful dressmaker and tailoress and a lot of us ladies in Ringmore were very sorry when they sold up and left. They were followed by Mike Pitt's brother and wife, Jamie and Rachael, who in turn sold Quarry Park to it's present owners. No one seems to know which of the owners of Quarry Park bungalow sold what is now known as the Journey's End car park to the pub but it must have been sometime around the late 1960's to early 1970's.



News from the National Trust

Article written by volunteer ranger Sophie Ellis

With the days becoming increasingly shorter, and the crisp and frosty mornings it seems that Christmas and the New Year will soon be upon us. So, I would like to start by wishing everyone a merry and indulgent Christmas, and all the best in the New Year!

Even with winter settling in, it hasn't stopped members of the local community joining the Ranger team on events and days out. On the 3rd of November, a small group made it out to Smuggler's Lane at Arymer Cove to learn the traditional art of Devon Hedge Laying. Although the wind and rain was blowing in, armed with billhooks, the group laid a large section of the hedge on the path leading from Arymer. This was not only a wonderful chance for us to engage with the local community, but has also enabled the hedging programme in the area to continue. Those of you who walk this section of the coast will have noticed the work that has been carried out. It enables a fantastic natural barrier to be maintained whilst the hedge continues to grow. The team had a thoroughly enjoyable day, and we hope all those involved had fun learning this traditional skill. If you would like to learn more about hedge laying, keep an eye open for other hedge laying events we will be running next year.

We were also joined by a small group of volunteers for a day of scrub clearance on Clematon Hill at Bigbury on sea. The volunteers managed to clear a significant patch of bramble and blackthorn from the area in order to maintain a mosaic like pattern of vegetation. I would like to take this opportunity to thank those involved for their hard work, and their time.

Here at the National trust, we really appreciate local involvement in the work the team carry out. Amongst others, there are a number of festive themed events taking place over the next couple of months. If you would like to get involved the dates are listed below, I look forward to seeing you there.

Deck your halls with holly - Family fun in Wembury woods

Saturday 11 December 10am – 3pm

Get into the festive spirit and enjoy a day in the woods making Christmas wreaths and decorations from natural materials. Enjoy a baked potato lunch cooked over an open fire. Finish the day with a search for your own special Yule log to take home. Bring warm clothes, sturdy footwear, waterproofs and gardening gloves. Adult £10, Child £5.

Winter Walk & Festive Warmer – Overbecks, near Salcombe

Tuesday 21 December 10am – 1pm

Celebrate the Winter solstice. Wrap up warm and enjoy a circular guided walk through the little known Tor Woods to East Soar Farm and back along the coast. Discover wonderful views along the way. Finish in front of the fire at Overbeck's with a hot mince pie and a glass of mulled wine. Bring warm clothes, stout footwear and a packed lunch / snack. Adult £6, Child £3

Countryside Art Exhibition – 1 January – 4 March 2011.

An art competition open to all ages living in the South Hams area. Showcase your talent on the theme of 'Time Well Spent' illustrating amazing National Trust landscapes. All work will be exhibited in Kingsbridge. Adult £5, Child £0

Booking is essential for all these events. For more information and to book a place please contact south.devon@nationaltrust.org.uk or telephone 01752 346585.

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 Lorna Sherriff on 01548 562344 or email

Slippery Chair

A man and woman were having dinner in a fine restaurant. They were gazing lovingly at each other and holding hands. Their waitress, taking an order at a table a few steps away, noticed the man slowly sliding down his chair and under the table, but the woman acted unconcerned. The waitress watched as the man slid all the way down his chair and out of sight under the table yet the woman looked calm and unruffled, apparently unaware that her dining companion had disappeared. The waitress went over to the table and said to the woman, "Pardon me, ma'am, but I think your husband just slid under the table". The woman calmly looked up at her and said, "No, he didn't. He just walked in."

From Gill, The Mobile Librarian

New mobile library routes and timetables will be introduced in January 2011. The new service, which includes a Saturday morning stop in Modbury and longer stops in central locations, will enable greater access to the service for families and young children as well as allowing longer time to browse for current customers. Services on offer will include new and regularly changed books for all ages, DVDs for hire, improved publicity and opportunities for other public services to share the mobile visits.

It does mean that some of the smaller stops are being amalgamated but anyone with a mobility problem has been offered the Home Library Service run from our branch libraries by the WRVS

To enable the required changes to stock and vehicles to take place, the current mobile service will cease on Friday 26th November and customers will be given new timetables for the New Year as well as the opportunity to borrow plenty of books to last them through the Christmas period.

Steve Palmer, a very good, experienced Mobile Librarian will be providing the new South Hams Mobile Library Service as I shall now be retiring. I shall miss the job desperately, especially the wonderful customers, many of whom have become friends. I have been particularly blessed by a very competent, friendly and tolerant back-up service from Kingsbridge Library. I shall miss discussing books, but I will be keeping my hand in by helping the WRVS. I will have more time to spend with my (soon to be 4) grandchildren and my dog, Hardy, apart from my other interests.

So thank you to everyone for the last 25 years for a super job with brilliant staff and customers. God bless you all.

An extract from a letter sent to Andrea Young by Alice Mason

..... I have been able to get to the Church Flower Festival and Harvest Supper and two coach trips with the Day Centre and Over Sixties. The Grandchildren come over each week. The Remembrance Service will be next week. I used to like David reading the lesson.

..... I am glad the Parish Room is being repaired. It was built in 1913. My Father did some of the woodwork. The young men also used to play billiards for a shilling a game and the W.I. held classes there and folk dancing was taught there. No T.V. in those days. I also remember Xmas parties for the children. We had an orange and some sweets to take home.

From Andrea Young

Thanks to the great generosity of visitors and locals, I have just handed in a cheque for £102.62 to St. Luke's Hospice from the sale of plants, fruit and vegetables on the corner of Hillside Cottage.

Endsleigh Update

Ron and Jenny Williams would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

January sees the start of the new build at Elmsleigh. The first step will be the creation of the new driveway. We would like to take this opportunity to apologise in advance for any inconvenience this might cause. If anyone has any major problems when this work is in progress please don't hesitate in giving us a call. Our contact no. is: 07785 278158. We will do our best to keep the village updated through the Parish Newsletter. Thanks for your continuing support. It's very much appreciated.

The British Legion raised £1318.94p. Mike Wynne-Powell and many others arranged a fun day in what was the Church Hall. The JE was in the throes of being sold. Lady Rachael Hall died 3rd December. The vexing question of the PVC windows which had been installed in the old Post Office (Ivy Cottage - before Sue and Adrian Muller moved in) occupied a full page in both the Newsletter and Parish Council minutes.

Leaves on roads and flooding during the period of heavy rainfall had created problems and were raised at the parish council meeting. A number of areas were identified for actions, in particular the clearance of leaves from the corner of Smugglers Cottage out to Ayrmer View, the instances flooding from the fields between Ringmore and St Anns's Chapel and the continuing problem of the cascading water from the BT manhole below Trewarne. Letters had been written to the appropriate

Devon My Home

It's blowing a gale
It's spitting with hail
The seafront is covered in froth
My lips are blue
And looks like yours too
I think we will be needing a cloth
How daft we must be
Giggling with glee
With an ice cream in our hands
How silly and great
A couple of mates
To be sitting by the sea side today
The fog is opaque
But it's far too late
To call this outing a fail
Two little nutters
As mad as each other
To be smack bang in the middle of Devon.

By Elysha Radford

Journey's End Inn Darts Team

Fancy a game of darts?

Friendly games, no leagues involved and just local pub teams. We play on various days of the week, home and away. It doesn't matter how good you are, we have a laugh - if you are interested please call Sean & Sharon 810179 or let Tracy at the JE know.

KIPS

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT SERVICES

ARE YOU A SECOND HOME OWNER?

Do you require a local trustworthy individual to manage your property for you?

Or maybe you are a local who requires a helping hand around the house?

Services include:

Laundry and changeovers
Spring cleans
Key holding
Security checks

Liaising with local reliable tradesmen in the event of any problems

Welcome packs and/or hampers of local produce
Assistance in advertising your property

Please call Kate
M: 07809 736966
T: 01548 810573

E: KIPSpropertymanagement@hotmail.co.uk

MODBURY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CRAFT & GIFT FAIR

Free admission!

SATURDAY 4TH DECEMBER

11am - 4pm

At Modbury Memorial Hall, Back St. PL21 0RP

LOCALLY MADE CRAFTS JEWELLERY

CHRISTMAS PUDDINGS & MINCE PIES

HOME MADE FUDGE & CHOCOLATES

GREETING CARDS RAFFLE

PAINT YOUR OWN CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS WITH THE ART CAFE.

REFRESHMENTS! - Delicious Bacon Rolls,

Stealing Hot Dogs, Scrumptious Cakes, Tea & Coffee

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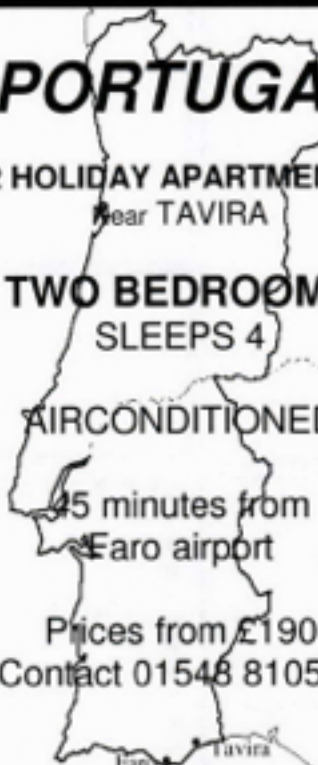
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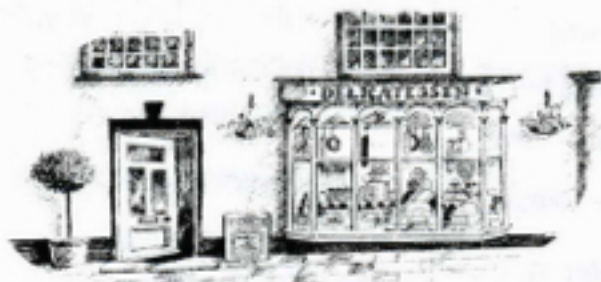
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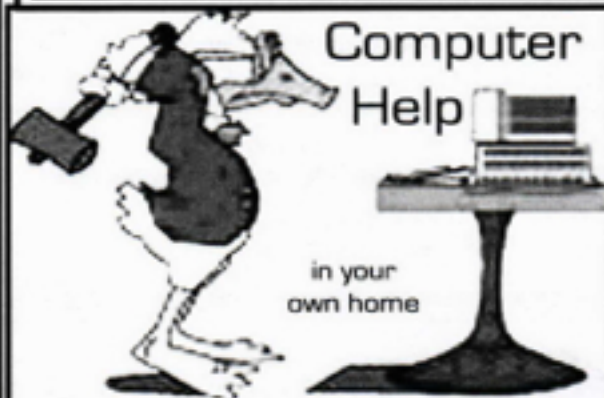
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