

RINGMORE PARISH NEWSLETTER

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WISHING EVERYONE MUCH HAPPINESS AND GOOD FORTUNE IN 2011



Hill Cottage, December 2010 Photo by Mike Wynne-Powell

DIARY DATES:

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

February

1st	RTTC AGM	8.00pm
2nd	RBL Meeting, JE	7.30pm
7th	Tearfund Lunch, WI Hall	12.00-2.00pm
8th	RTTC Members Tournament	8.00pm
10th	WI Meeting, All I Want is a Tall Ship	7.30pm
12th	Parish Room Quiz Night	7.30pm
14th	Music at the Paddock	7.30pm
15th	Parish Council Meeting	7.00pm
16th	RHS Talk, WI Hall	7.30pm

March

2nd	RBL Meeting, Dolphin	7.30pm
7th	Tearfund Lunch, WI Hall	12.00-2.00pm
8th	Pancake Day, Parish Room	10.30pm
9th	Parish Room AGM	7.30pm
10th	WI Meeting, Belgian beer tasting	7.30pm
11th	SWDCA AGM & Dinner, Bigbury Golf Club	7.00pm
14th	Music at the Paddock	7.30pm
22nd	Parish Council Meeting	7.00pm

April

6th	RBL Meeting, JE	7.30pm
14th	WI Meeting, Thailand & Cambodia	7.30pm
19th	Parish Council AGM	7.00pm

May

2nd	WI May Fair	
4th	RBL Meeting, Dolphin	7.30pm
12th	WI Meeting, Smell the Benefits ...	7.30pm
14th	Parish Council Meeting	7.00pm

June

1st	RBL Meeting, JE	7.30pm
9th	WI Summer Meal	
21st	Parish Council Meeting	7.00pm

July

14th	WI Meeting, Painting on China	7.30pm
19th	Parish Council Meeting	7.00pm

August

September

7th	RBL Meeting, Dolphin	7.30pm
20th	Parish council Meeting	7.00pm

October

5th	RBL Meeting, JE	7.30pm
13th	WI Meeting, Flower Weaving	7.30pm
18th	Parish Council Meeting	7.00pm

November

2nd	RBL Meeting & AGM, Dolphin	7.30pm
22nd	Parish Council Meeting	7.00pm

December

7th	RBL Meeting, JE	7.30pm
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Please see NT notice for their events and
ACA's note about beach clean-up dates

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JOHN MILNE-SMITH

John Milne-Smith passed away on 21st January at the age of 96. He built David and Susie's house in Ringmore in 1980, moved in in 1982 with his wife June and he has lived there ever since. He will be sadly missed by his three children, seven grandchildren and ten great grandchildren. There will be a private cremation and a Thanksgiving Service to celebrate his long life at All Hallows Church, Ringmore on 5th February at 2.00pm.

RINGMORE PARISH ROOM

AGM

WEDNESDAY MARCH 9TH

7.30

ALL WELCOME

RINGMORE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Wednesday February 16th
7.30 in the WI hall



THE EDDYSTONE LIGHTHOUSE

An illuminating experience

300 years of the light's history. An illustrated talk by Nigel Overton

SOUTH WEST DEVON CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION
CHARTERLANDS BRANCH
(Bigbury, Ringmore, Kingston & Aveton Gifford)

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING and ANNUAL DINNER

to be held at Bigbury Golf Club

ON FRIDAY 11 MARCH 2011

AGM: 7.00pm-7.30pm (Members only) Get together
7.30pm-8.00pm

BUFFET DINNER: 8.00pm Tickets £13 available
from Committee Members

RINGMORE PARISH ROOM

IT'S QUIZ TIME

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 12TH, 7.30 PM

MAKE UP A TEAM OF SIX OR COME
AND MAKE UP A TEAM

TICKETS £5 FROM HOLYWELL STORES
OR ALAN McCARTHY 810738

BRING YOUR OWN PICNIC

All proceeds in aid of the Parish Room restoration



Nothing to Report

MOBILE LIBRARY:

TUES. 1st and 15th

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



Rainfall by Eleanor and Grace Purdy

Last month:	109mm
10 year average:	111mm
10 year high:	184mm (2001)
10 year low:	81mm (2009)

Tearfund Lunches are starting again on Monday 7th February, 12.00 midday - 2.00 pm at the W.I. Hall in Ringmore. Do come and join us for a great lunch with your friends and neighbours and help us raise funds for Tearfund, a Christian charity working in troubled countries around the world. They are very involved in Haiti, helping to build homes and schools after the earthquake. If you need a lift, do let us know and we shall come and fetch you (and take you home again!!) Tel: 810420.

CHURCH SERVICES & THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

	Bigbury	Kingston	Ringmore
	11.00 am	9.30 am	9.30 am
6 th February	Family Communion	Family Communion	Family Service
13 th February	Family Service	Family Service	Holy Communion (BCP)
16 th February (Wednesday)	Holy Communion at the Korniloff (2.30 pm)		
20 th February	Family Service	Holy Communion (BCP)	Village Service
27 th February	Holy Communion (BCP)	Family Service	Family Communion



Dear Friends,

How do you say it, if you do?

Sometimes it is in words that love is spoken, but as we get near to St. Valentine's day, (14th February have forgotten), there will be many other ways in which people decide to communicate the same message.



Some will say it with flowers or a gift; or an unsigned card may add an element of mystery. Perhaps you have your own special way to say it.

This month's celebration can seem very exclusive, as if we forget the love between brothers and sisters, parent and child, or even wider than the nuclear family with grandparents, cousins, uncles and aunts and beyond. Friendships are so valuable too! Could you find a way to let others know you love them?

God found a way to let us know he loves us.

He says it with flowers and we can marvel at the wonderful world we live in; He says it with the gifts of life and time and health; and in the wonder of worship and so much more can remind us of God's love. God sent his Son Jesus into the world to show us his love and Christians are called to be part of the message.

If you put a cross at the bottom of your card, remember that Jesus too showed his love with a cross. Please pray for someone else to help share the message of God's love as we look to appoint a new Team Vicar in the Modbury Team this month.

Love,

Neil Barker - Team Rector

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

News from All Hallows

Carol Service by Candle Light

A big thank you to all who made this year's Candle-lit Carol Service such a lovely and special occasion. The numbers that turned out on such a cold & icy evening quite overwhelmed us. Thanks go to Adrian for organising the Service, the Children who sang and all the helpers for making it such a success. The Church, beautifully decked out with numerous flower arrangements and lit by candle-light looked a real picture, it was such a lovely evening. The Village Choir, who were a justified credit for all the hard work they and Adrian put in, sang their hearts out and were ably assisted by all those attending. It was wonderful to see the church packed and to hear the vibrant sound of singing voices. Thanks also to those of you from the various village organisations that read out a lesson between the Carols. It can be quite a daunting task in front of so many people. The mulled wine washed down the very much appreciated mince pies and sausage rolls, supplied by various villagers, which rounded off a very enjoyable evening.

The Village Service

Our next gathering is on February 20th at 9.30 am and will be led by Christopher Piercy. The theme from the visiting speaker will be "Be honest to yourself". If you have a particular song or hymn that you love do let us know – and come along to help us sing it!

Appointment of a new Vicar

It is hoped to conduct interviews for a new vicar to replace Mike Jeffries towards the end of February. Adverts have been placed in the Church Times and the Diocese website resulting in a number of inquiries requesting further details.

John Milne-Smith

It was with great sadness that we heard the very sad news of the passing away of John who was a very valued member and supporter of All Hallows. John's Thanksgiving service will be held on Saturday 5th February at 2.00pm. Our condolences go to all of John's family.

Thank You

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

All Hallows wish you a belated Happy, Healthy, Peaceful and Prosperous 2011

Phill Errett (Church Warden)

TWAS THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS, HE LIVED ALL ALONE,
IN A ONE BEDROOM HOUSE, MADE OF PLASTER AND STONE.
I HAD COME DOWN THE CHIMNEY, WITH PRESENTS TO GIVE,
AND TO SEE JUST WHO, IN THIS HOME, DID LIVE.
I LOOKED ALL ABOUT, A STRANGE SIGHT I DID SEE,
NO TINSEL, NO PRESENTS, NOT EVEN A TREE.
NO STOCKING BY MANTLE, JUST BOOTS FILLED WITH SAND,
ON THE WALL HUNG PICTURES, OF FAR DISTANT LANDS.
WITH MEDALS AND BADGES, AWARDS OF ALL KINDS,
A SOBER THOUGHT, CAME THROUGH MY MIND.
FOR THIS HOUSE WAS DIFFERENT, IT WAS DARK AND DREARY,
I FOUND THE HOME OF A SOLDIER, ONCE I COULD SEE CLEARLY.
THE SOLDIER LAY SLEEPING, SILENT, ALONE,
CURLED UP ON THE FLOOR, IN THIS ONE BEDROOM HOME.
THE FACE WAS SO GENTLE, THE ROOM IN DISORDER,
NOT HOW I PICTURED, A TRUE BRITISH SOLDIER.
WAS THIS THE HERO, OF WHOM I'D JUST READ?
CURLED UP ON A PONCHO, THE FLOOR FOR A BED?
I REALISED THE FAMILIES, THAT I SAW THIS NIGHT,
OWED THEIR LIVES TO THESE SOLDIERS, WHO WERE WILLING TO FIGHT.
SOON ROUND THE WORLD, THE CHILDREN WOULD PLAY,
AND GROWNUPS WOULD CELEBRATE, A BRIGHT CHRISTMAS DAY.
THEY ALL ENJOYED FREEDOM, EACH MONTH OF THE YEAR,

BECAUSE OF THE SOLDIERS, LIKE THE ONE LYING HERE,
I COULDN'T HELP WONDER, HOW MANY LAY ALONE,
ON A COLD CHRISTMAS EVE, IN A LAND FAR FROM HOME.
THE VERY THOUGHT BROUGHT, A TEAR TO MY EYE,
I DROPPED TO MY KNEES, AND STARTED TO CRY,
THE SOLDIER AWAKENED, AND I HEARD A ROUGH VOICE,
"SANTA DON'T CRY, THIS LIFE IS MY CHOICE:
I FIGHT FOR FREEDOM, I DON'T ASK FOR MORE,
MY LIFE IS MY GOD, MY COUNTRY, MY CORPS."
THE SOLDIER ROLLED OVER, AND DRIFTED TO SLEEP,
I COULDN'T CONTROL IT, I CONTINUED TO WEEP.
I KEPT WATCH FOR HOURS, SO SILENT AND STILL,
AND WE BOTH SHIVERED, FROM THE COLD NIGHT'S CHILL..
I DID NOT WANT TO LEAVE, ON THAT COLD, DARK, NIGHT,
THIS GUARDIAN OF HONOR, SO WILLING TO FIGHT.
THEN THE SOLDIER ROLLED OVER, WITH A VOICE SOFT AND PURE,
WHISPERED, "CARRY ON SANTA, IT'S CHRISTMAS DAY, ALL IS SECURE"
ONE LOOK AT MY WATCH, AND I KNEW HE WAS RIGHT,
"MERRY CHRISTMAS MY FRIEND, AND TO ALL A GOOD NIGHT."

This poem was written by a Peacekeeping soldier stationed overseas. We have a lot to be thankful for
Richard Baker

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		



20 Years Ago

Thanks were due to Mr. Alan King for his speed in building around the post box when it eventually arrived by the GPO, 3 months late after being re-sited from Ivy Cottage. In the interim the village was left without any posting facilities except during the opening hours of the Village Post Office. Also thanks went especially to Rosemary Tate for the pressure she placed upon the GPO.

10 Years Ago

Simon Garner, Head Ranger of the National Trust, had outlined the Trust's plans to address the deterioration of Noddon Mill which lies on the parish boundary but in Bigbury Parish. The plans had been welcomed by the Ringmore Historical Society and were endorsed by the Parish Council.

New collection Service Hailed a Breakthrough for Green Tourism

Hundreds of holiday homes in the South Hams are to join the recycling revolution after the launch of the district's easiest holiday waste collection service yet. Almost all recyclable material is stored in a single sack or bin, which is collected from holiday homes along with glass and general waste. The aptly named **OMNI collection system** is being offered by award-winning local trade waste company TQ Recycling. Holiday let businesses preparing for the Easter rush are expecting big savings on their waste bills as recycling is much cheaper to collect than general waste.

The new service has been warmly welcomed by letting companies and by Green Party County Councillor, Paula Black, who hailed it as a breakthrough for green tourism in the district. Already over 900 holiday lets in the Salcombe area are signed up to the OMNI collection. The service is now being extended to holiday homes and other tourism businesses in towns across the district. Holidaymakers using the scheme will be able to recycle even more than the district's ordinary homes. As well as cardboard, paper, tins and cans, TQ Recycling can process a huge range of plastics including cling film, yoghurt pots and bubble wrap. Glass will be collected free of charge by the company from a special kerbside box. It is the first time Kingsbridge based TQ has offered to collect its customers' general waste on top of recycling. The move follows TQ's recent acquisition of waste company B&A services, which collected from many holiday homes in the district.

Stephen Tooke, Director of TQ Recycling said: "This new service is different because it's so easy for people to use and the waste will be collected so frequently. It gives visitors and businesses alike the flexibility they need."

James Spencer, Managing Director of Pebbles of Salcombe, which cares for more than 400 homes in the South Hams, said: "We are greatly relieved our holiday homes can finally offer recycling through the OMNI collection system: For years visitors to holiday homes have wanted to recycle but there just hasn't been the facility for them to do their bit. We would field calls asking how the recycling worked and it infuriated us to have to reply that it simply wasn't possible. We're delighted to now be able to help our owners and their tenants to manage their waste responsibly – and simply. The OMNI system is an excellent idea."

Green Party County Councillor for Totnes Rural, Paula Black said: "This is the breakthrough for green tourism that the South Hams has been crying out for. Visitors come to this area because of its outstanding beauty and they want to keep it so. This new service from TQ Recycling means far less holiday waste will end up in landfill dumps."

TQ Recycling was recently awarded Most Innovative Business at the South Devon Excellence Awards 2010.

For more information on TQ Recycling's services contact 01548 521 613 or click www.tqrecycling.co.uk



RINGMORE TABLE TENNIS CLUB

The table tennis club has continued throughout the recent cold weather including over the Christmas and New Year period and whilst sometimes the numbers have resulted in little rest during the evening, generally there have been sufficient numbers to allow a rest and a chat between games. The evenings are always enjoyable and good fun. We, the members, appreciate very much the refurbishment that continues on the hall and the club has been able to contribute £500 towards the cost of the much needed roof replacement and insulation which is planned. The curtains are due to appear soon, the stage curtain will be welcomed to avoid having to search for the ball in the kitchen! The club had a very successful post Christmas dinner at the Journey's End, nineteen of us enjoyed delicious food and plenty of talk and laughter, facilitated by moving the men a few places after the main and dessert courses. Proposals for the future include members' tournament scheduled for the 8th February, one week after the A.G.M. It is hoped to stage the J.E.J.E.B. table tennis tournament at the Journey's End towards the end of March, more in the next newsletter.

New members and visitors are always welcome to join us from 8.00 onwards on Tuesdays in the Parish Room; it is normally an evening of good fun and a bit of exercise with a refreshment break to chat.

John Bracey, Chairman

RINGMORE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY 18TH JANUARY 2011 WI HALL 7.00PM

PRESENT Chairman M.Hammond
Cllrs. J.Deverson S.Hitchmough. B.Lambell J.Parkin
W.Mumford B.Carson Clerk M.Wood
Apologies Cllr.J.Reynolds

DECLARATION OF PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS

The Chairman and Cllr.Parkin attended a Town & Parish Councillor Training Meeting which was very informative. The Chairman reminded Councillors that as councillors their opinions at meetings should represent those of the parishioners and not those of their own. At all times they should differentiate between speaking as a Councillor or as an individual as per the "Code of Conduct".

OPEN SESSION

Mr.Wood raised the problem of planning applications which are taking place on the Bigbury side of Challaborough where the applications have not been received by Ringmore Parish. Mr.Carson will raise this matter with Follaton House Planning Department and try to ensure that plans applicable to Challaborough are sent to both Clerks.

MINUTES OF NOVEMBER MEETING – Signed as correct.

MATTERS ARISING

Challaborough Road – The pot holes have been repaired but are now starting to break up. Mr.Mumford requested that we keep checking the area and report to him if the pot holes reappear.

Avglen Fell Hedge – Nothing to report.

Kachelo Wall – Cllr Deverson will obtain the address of the owners in South Africa.

Footpath 13 Stile – Cllr.Lambell reported that although the stile is no longer in place access has improved.

Entry Signs & Street Furniture – Cllr.Deverson stated that signs and furniture should be minimised as much as possible and any request to Highways or from parishioners for further signs should be discussed and voted upon at council meetings.

Permissive path to St.Ann's Chapel – Still on going.

W.MUMFORD

Mr.Mumford explained how Devon County Council plan to cut spending by £54.6 million. This is to be achieved by reductions in all areas. They have however achieved small cash increases in social care budgets. There will be an extra £2.4 million to repair potholes and other safety defects on the highways network.

Mr.Mumford was asked why gritting had not taken place down to Challaborough and he stated that this was due to cost cutting and also the extreme weather conditions left salt in short supply. On government instructions salt had to be transported to other counties who were running low. After further discussion the clerk was asked to try to obtain 2 further gritting bins for Challaborough hill from Highways, if this fails then parish council will purchase them providing Highways will fill them with salt.

B.CARSON

The government will give extra money to District Councils if they do not raise the council tax.

There is a village initiative scheme where small areas of land can be put forward for affordable housing. This is already being implemented at St.Ann's Chapel.

ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

The clerk reported that she attended a meeting in Totnes with Steve Mason Cleansing Management Officer regarding the town and parish cleaning programmes where two sweepers per team will work together on a time basis in each parish. A new rota will be drawn up showing when the parish sweepers and mechanical sweeper will visit the parish.

The Chairman once again raised the problem of the mound of earth opposite Bohemian Cottage. After discussion it was agreed that Cllrs.Deverson & Lambell will tidy up the mound and cover with grass seed.

Cllr.Carson will look into the large pothole which have formed outside the telephone box.

PLANNING

Application 05/2732/10 Rock Armour Coastal Defence Challaborough; several parishioners letters of concern have been sent regarding this project. The Chairman emailed a complaint to the S.H.D.C. Planning Department that the plans had not been sent in time to Ringmore Parish Council to enable a discussion on the implications of the movement of a large number of vehicles carrying the stones (up to 3 ton in weight) passing through Ringmore and Challaborough might have. The Council confirmed this concern to Mr. Carson to take up with the Planning Department.

New details of materials used in the planning application for Elmsleigh were not available for the meeting.

Permission Granted – 40/2164/10/F Avglen Fell

PARISH PLAN – Nothing to report.

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FINANCE – Cheques agreed & signed

B.Lambell - £90.00

Ringmore Newsletter half yearly - £80.75

Ringmore Parish Room Committee £500 (donated from DCC)

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr. Parkin stated the Parish Room Committee had been granted money so the roof could be repaired however, this grant will not be paid until the work is complete. He enquired whether Parish Council would cover this cost until the money is received. Documentation that the money will be paid on completion of the work will need to be produced for discussion at the next council meeting.

The problem of second/holiday homes leaving black refuse bags which are torn apart by seagulls was raised. The Clerk was asked to contact the owners of the holiday cottage at Lower Manor Farm to advise them to get seagull proof bags.

Dates to be aware of – Cluster Meeting 20th January – Census Day 27th March – Local Council Election Day 5th May

Recent update on the Hope Cove Rescue Boat - the possible purchase of a new boat may mean local councils will be asked for a contribution.

The Chairman informed Councillors that after the October meeting a request was received from the Royal British Legion with regard to the Parish Council donating a wreath for the Remembrance Service. As the Parish Council have never donated a wreath before, the Chairman declined. The R.B.L. branch questioned this action. On the advice of the S.H.D.C. Monitoring Officer the Chairman's action was supported with the opinion that the matter should be discussed at the next full Council meeting.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING 15TH FEBRUARY.

theWI
INSPIRING WOMEN

JANUARY MEETING

What an inspiring evening we had listening to PC Steve Murch, Youth Issues Officer for Devon & Cornwall Police, with his colleague Sally describing their work with teenagers.

"Hit the Surf", is a misleading title! Many youngsters are given the opportunity, if willing, to experience mixing with others through games, swimming, surfing, etc. Using the WI hall and gardens as their base for a week they have a chance to meet and exchange ideas, as well as having breakfast and lunch! Although many live near the sea, they do not have the opportunity to enjoy using the beaches, Challaborough and Ayrmer being ideal venues. We were shown a video recording their thoughts about their week's best moments, mainly breakfast!

Next month we are trying out a new programme for our meetings. The business section will be shortened still covering the main items Refreshments will be served as guests and members arrive; a chance to have a chat before the entertainment, ie Speaker / demonstration. Come and judge for yourself on Thursday 10th February at 7.30pm

There is a change to our programme; come and hear

DAVE BAWDEN. "ALL I WANT IS A TALL SHIP!"



CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Many thanks to everyone who supported the Christmas Bazaar at the end of November.

Stallholders and visitors all seemed to enjoy themselves and there was a great atmosphere. Emily's mince pies with a glass of mulled wine went down very well.

All entry tickets were put into a raffle for a lovely hamper, kindly donated by Ann Lambell, which was won by Pat King.

£251.50 was raised which will boost the Parish Newsletter funds.

Photo by Mike Wynne-Powell

News from the National Trust

Article written by volunteer ranger Katy Holvey

With the festivities over with and January well under way, the National Trust Rangers have been working hard. As well as maintaining gates, moving ponies and otherwise looking after our countryside property, we've been running a number of exciting events.

Our first event of the New Year, Get Out of the Office and Learn to Coppice, took place on Wednesday 5th January. National Trust Rangers were able to pass on coppicing skills and at the same time help people to burn off the Christmas overindulgence! The event took place in an area of Wembury Woods that is currently being brought back into management by coppicing. The coppicing process involves cutting down hazel quite close to the ground in order to promote re-growth. This also lets sunlight reach the woodland floor which allows the growth of woodland flowers such as bluebells and primroses. It turns out that it's quite hard work too, and everyone was happy to stop and have a lunch of locally produced beef burgers. After lunch the coppiced wood was cut into lengths and left in piles to create homes for insects and creepy crawlies, so as well as teaching skills the day's work will increase the wood's biodiversity.



Some of you may have noticed the scrub clearance that's been happening in the fields above Nodden Mill in Ringmore. Saul has been out there working away to remove a lot of the gorse in order to improve the diversity of the grassland. Similarly to coppicing, removing the gorse will allow meadow flowers to flourish when they would otherwise be outcompeted by the scrub.

For the first time in South Devon, the National Trust South Devon Coast and Countryside is holding a community Art & Photography Competition in March for people of all ages to get involved with. Our ambition is for this exciting new event to raise awareness of the fantastic coastline and countryside the National Trust manages across South Devon and encourage people of all ages to get out and explore the secluded beaches, striking sea cliffs and tranquil estuary woodlands that little bit closer with a pencil, paintbrush or even a camera in hand. The event will be held in the Kingsbridge Market Hall on 18th and 19th March and we would love to get as many local people involved in submitting entries and helping to create a fascinating gallery in the Market Hall. The theme for all the artwork is 'time well spent' and the subject is restricted to scenes of, or within the National Trust South Devon countryside properties from Wembury Point though to Dartmouth.

Get Involved with one of our events:

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

Devon Hedges. Learn to lay a hedge – Sunday 6 February

Discover the wonders of Devon hedges and help keep them alive and thriving by traditional cutting and laying. This day will give you a good introduction to hedge laying and includes a NT South Devon skills certificate. Adult £10 & Child £5

Orienteering Family Fun – Tuesday 22 February

Learn in a fun way the basics of orienteering with the National Trust Rangers on the coast at Bolt Tail. Discover how to navigate using landscape features, a compass and map co-ordinates. Finish with an exciting orienteering challenge. Adult £5 & Child £2

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 lorna.sherriff@nationaltrust.org.uk

Written by Elysha Radford, Challaborough

A silver platform of frozen dew lay over a blanket of
grass so green
Creating a sharp tingle in my feet
Jack Frost's sarcastic smirk beneath the snow
Warm blooded creatures snug beneath a stone
As all the white roads sulked full eyes gazed at me
through tufts of wool
Large wet patch beneath your chin

Makes you feel warm deep within
Grinning snowman smiles at me
Parents giggle through sips of tea
Grumpy Grandad, nowhere to hide
SMACK!
Damp and white all down one side!

Matthew Bissex, Architect, a new advertiser, introduces himself:

I am based near Bath and we have a holiday home down at Challaborough Bay and spend a lot of time there during the year. I have been coming down to Challaborough and Bigbury since I was 5 years old and love the area. Married at Burgh Island Hotel in 2005 and starting our own family soon after, we now have great times at the beach with our three children. We thought it would be an idea to offer my services to the local area. I have 22 year's experience in the industry, drawing plans with projects ranging from a front porch to a housing estate. I currently have one project just started down at Challaborough and another to start in Hope Cove later this year. Please visit my website to see more completed projects at www.mbad.co.uk

From Natalie

Shandy and I would like to send our very appreciative thanks to all the splendid friends who have helped and looked after us during the beautiful but difficult Christmas weather. We know we are very lucky. Best wishes to all for the New Year.

From Di Collinson**SORRY, BUT IT WON'T DO.....**

I'm afraid 'The Archers' has self-destructed. But I'm mounting a campaign to produce 'The Alternative Archers' in which Nigel is still alive, and is not even injured. And in which the script-writing team has regained its sanity.

From Lynne Hodgson & Joanne Smith, Seaspray Handcrafted Jewellery seaspray2010@live.co.uk

We are writing to thank you so very much for the wonderfully warm welcome we received at the Ringmore Christmas Bazaar.

It was an extremely well organised event and we met some fabulous people during the day.

Please do keep us informed of any future events in the village as we would be delighted to be invited back to forthcoming fairs/events.

Beach Clean Up Dates for ACA Members from Stuart Watts

SUNDAY 13th MARCH – Cockleridge beach, Bigbury on Sea (opposite Bantham) at 11.00am-12.30pm. In association with Maya Plass of 'Learn to Sea' and the Marine Conservation Society (MCS).

SATURDAY 25th JUNE – Cockleridge beach, Bigbury on Sea (opposite Bantham) at 11.00am-12.30pm. In association with Maya Plass of 'Learn to Sea' and the MCS.

SATURDAY 19th NOVEMBER – 'BEACHWATCH'. This is MCS's annual, national survey of beach litter or, in other words, a 'collect and count' event in which we participate on Cockleridge; 2.00pm-3.30pm. In association with Maya Plass of 'Learn to Sea' and the MCS.

From Di Collinson

I saw this lovely typo (or Freudian slip) in a sales ploy that came from the Avon Mill Garden Centre:

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Phill Errett

Thanks

On behalf of all lovers of Ayrmer Cove, a big thank you to the kind souls who worked so hard last Sunday (23rd January) to clear up the rubbish which was littering the beach. I don't believe that they were locals, but the woman we spoke to described it as her favourite beach, as it is ours. Just in case she and her family happen to read this, please be assured that your hard work was really appreciated by all the rest of us. Thank you!



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