

Ringmore Parish Newsletter

February 2012

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Deadline: 23rd February

DIARY DATES:

Monday:	Short Mat Bowls	7.30pm
Tuesday:	Table Tennis	8.00pm
Thursday:	Quiz Night, Journeys End	9.00pm

February

6th	Tearfund Lunch, WI Hall	12.00-2.00pm
9th	Wine & Wisdom, WI Hall	8.00pm
11th	Quiz Night, Parish Room	7.30pm
14th	Darts, Mildmay Colours	
15th	Historical Society Talk, WI Hall	7.30pm
21st	Pancake Coffee Morning, Parish Room	10.30am
	Parish Council Meeting, WI Hall	7.00pm

March

5th	Tearfund Lunch, WI Hall	12.00-2.00pm
14th	Parish Room AGM	7.30pm
17th	Skip, Challaborough	
20th	Parish Council Meeting, WI Hall	7.00pm
24th	Skip, Ringmore	
	Film Show, Parish Room	6.45pm

April

1st	Table Tennis Tournament, JE	1.30p
17th	Parish Council Meeting + AGM	7.00pm

May

22nd	Parish Council Meeting, WI Hall	7.00pm
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June

5th	Diamond Jubilee	
19th	Parish Council Meeting, WI Hall	7.00pm
23rd	Fun Run	

July

24th	Parish Council Meeting, WI Hall	7.00pm
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September

18th	Parish Council Meeting, WI Hall	7.00pm
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October

23rd	Parish Council Meeting, WI Hall	7.00pm
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November

20th	Parish Council Meeting, WI Hall	7.00pm
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CONGRATULATIONS to Pam Brunskill and Pauline Smith who celebrated their 80th Birthdays just before Christmas and to Natalie Hilton who became 90 on 1st January 2012. How encouraging that they are all such active youngsters!

MOBILE LIBRARY

Tuesday 14 & 28

Kingston Fire Station	10.20 - 11.10
Ringmore Church	11.20 - 11.55
Bigbury on Sea	12.20 - 13.05
Bigbury Green	14.00 - 14.30



Wednesday 1, 15 & 29

Aveton Gifford	09.15 - 10.15
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Saturday 4 & 18

Modbury Poundwell Sq.	09.30 - 12.30
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Jane 811218, Gillian 810303, Karen 810382,
Sandy / Billy 810572, Lynn 810093

RINGMORE PARISH ROOM

? QUIZ NIGHT ?

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 11th
7.30

Teams of six or come along and
make up a team

Tickets £5

From Alan McCarthy or Barry Old

Bring your own food and drink

All proceeds in aid of the Parish
Room restoration

RINGMORE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Wednesday February 15th
7.30 in the WI Hall

West Dartmoor Farms from
Medieval Times



An illustrated talk by Dr Tom Greeves

All Welcome

December: 87mm
10 year average: 104mm
10 year high: 152mm (2002)
10 year low: 64mm (2001)

Rainfall

January: 31mm
10 year average: 109mm
10 year high: 133mm (2008)
10 year low: 31mm (2012)



FRIDAY BUS SERVICE

Departs Challaborough 09.55/Ringmore 09.47—Arrives Plymouth 10.49
Departs Plymouth 13.30—Arrives Ringmore 14.34/Challaborough 14.38

Village Transport Scheme

Please remember, if you need a car and driver to get you to hospital or to the dentist, then phone
Phill or Sally Errett on 810547.

FARE CAR SCHEME run by Ivy Cabs for Devon County Council. Mondays—Saturdays. From Ringmore and
Challaborough to Modbury, Ivybridge, Lee Mill and Ivybridge Station.
£2.00—£2.50 each way. Telephone 01752 895658 for full details

The list of trained First Aiders

REMEMBER TO ALWAYS RING 999 FIRST

Sandy Hammond 810572

Alan Fives 810648

Mike Wilson 810211

Debbie Mercy 811276

Emily & Andi King 811210

Karen Purdy 810382

Jane Reynolds 811218



CHURCH SERVICES & THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

	Bigbury 11.00 am	Kingston 9.30 am	Ringmore 9.30 am
5 th February	Family Communion	Family Communion	Family Service
12 th February	Family Service	Family Service	Holy Communion (BCP)
15 th February (Wednesday)	Korniloff Communion (2.30 pm)		
19 th February	Family Service	Holy Communion (traditional)	Village Service
26 th February	Holy Communion (BCP)	Family Service	Family Communion

A QUESTION OF SERVICE

On 6th February 2012, Her Majesty The Queen celebrates 60 years on the throne. In that time she has seen 12 Prime Ministers, from Winston Churchill to David Cameron. Much has changed since 1952. Satellites, mobile phones, digital cameras, iPads – the list of new inventions and products is endless. MDF board, for example, dates from the 1980s; the Channel Tunnel was opened in 1994.

Throughout this time, Queen Elizabeth's conduct and service have been an example to all, and the esteem in which she is held is testimony to her dedication. We thank her and join the cry "God save the Queen".

Today's society can sometimes sneer at the ideas of duty and service, yet examples are all around us. Soldiers serve their country; shopkeepers serve their customers. Young people may serve an apprenticeship; others may serve on a committee. We rely on the work of civil servants (even though we grumble when things are not what we want), and use servers to manage our computer data. The underlying themes are of discharging duties and of doing things which benefit others.

Church services are times when worshippers recognise their duty and service to God. At least, that is how it should be. In some churches (not, of course, ours!) people act as though God were involved in running a chain of social clubs, places where they can go for the enjoyment when they feel like it.

True worship is where people acknowledge that God is their Creator, the King of kings. Christians are called to be servants (literally, "slaves") of God's Son, Jesus Christ. He is their Lord and Master, and they serve him willingly. Christianity is about taking every opportunity to proclaim his message of love and salvation by word of mouth and the quality of our lives. That message – the message of the Christmas angels – is to let Jesus be at the centre of life, and to know his blessings, today and for ever.



Michael Tagent

Team Rector: The Revd Neil Barker (830260: not available on Mondays)
Team Vicar: The Revd Lesley Valiant (550933: not available on Fridays)
Team Readers: Chris Lally (521587), Michael Tagent (810520), Terry Valiant (550933)
Website: www.modburyteam.org

BIGBURY FUN RUN
SATURDAY 23rd JUNE 2012
BIGBURY MEMORIAL HALL
ST. ANN'S CHAPEL
START TIME - 12 NOON

SPONSOR FORMS WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM EARLY MAY



RUNNING IN SUPPORT OF OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY

Race Director: Dane Vanstone, Holywell Stores, St Anns Chapel, Kingsbridge,
TQ74HQ. Tel:01548810308. e:mail:holywellstores@msn.com



WINE AND WISDOM

Thursday February 9 at 8.00 pm. W.I Hall.

Calling all bookworms! Come and enjoy a glass or two of wine and some nibbles with us, bring your favourite book(s) and, if you wish, read out a short passage which you really enjoy – it can be wise, instructive, funny, or simply something which is important to you. If you have any unusual/old books, do bring them along to show us.

If you are happy to give a short reading, please would you let me know in advance. We look forward to seeing you!

Rosemary Piercy 810253

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

Journey's End John Edward Bracey Table Tennis Tournament

Sunday 1st April at 1-30 p.m.

Plenty of warning is being given of the date of this popular village event, so please make a note in your diaries whether you can play or not. This year will be the 16th tournament of this long series and it is always a fun day. You do not need to be able to play to a high standard to enjoy yourself so come along and watch or better still put your name on the sheet in the entrance lobby of the Journey's End Inn. (or telephone John Bracey on 01548 810646). We are aiming for the easy to organise number of 32 again. The draw will take place on Thursday 29th March. The start time will be 1-30 again so that people can have a drink and/or a meal before play commences. The entrance fee for the tournament is a minimum of just £1 to go to Air Ambulance. Anyone who wishes to practice for the event will be welcome as a guest at the Ringmore table tennis club in the Parish Room on Tuesdays from 8.00p.m. onwards.

All Hallows - Ringmore



Shrove Tuesday Coffee Morning

&

Pancake Extravaganza

10.30am

Tuesday 21st February
Parish Room - Ringmore

Cake Stall

Books

Raffles

Greeting Cards

Teas and Coffees



All welcome

Entrance Free

Proceeds to All Hallows & St Luke's Hospice

RINGMORE TABLE TENNIS CLUB



Chairman	John Bracey	810646
Secretary	Judy Bull	810420
Treasurer	Frank Williams	810405

The club held their annual tournament and social evening on Tuesday the 24th January. Seven mixed pair teams were selected by draw the previous week and the event was arranged so that each team played every other one. Twenty one matches were played altogether, many of them very closely fought, culminating with the two teams who had each won five games playing a final match. In this Frank Williams and Sally Errett just beat Adrian Bull and Ann Bracey in two very close, exciting & entertaining games each 24 points to 22. This year it was the turn of the male members of the club to provide a spread of excellent and very welcome refreshments with the ladies supplying liquids of varying alcoholic content. Winners and losers thoroughly enjoyed the evening that was organised by Mike Wynne Powell who, being unable to play at present, ran the event very successfully. It is hoped that the Journey's End tournament on the 1st April will be equally successful.

John Bracey

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 and windy 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 was beautifully decked out with numerous flower arrangements and when 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 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, which had been supplied by various villagers; this rounded off a very enjoyable evening.

Pancake Day

On Tuesday February 21st at 10.30am the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Coffee Morning will be held in the Parish Room and I am hoping you will be able to come along. See the full page advert elsewhere in the newsletter. Donations to any of the stalls, Books, Cakes, Raffles etc perhaps any of those unwanted Christmas gifts, would be most welcome. Proceeds this year from the coffee morning will be split equally between St Luke's Hospice & All Hallows.

Thankyou

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.

We wish you a belated Happy, Healthy, Peaceful and Prosperous 2012!

Phill Errett
Rosemary Piercy

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The first month of a new year is over, the annual general meeting has taken place and the yearly tournament results are reported in this newsletter. I would like to remind readers that the table tennis club continues throughout the year on Tuesday evenings in the Parish Room. The evenings are very popular and normally well attended; guests are very welcome to join the members from 8.00p.m. Attendance by club members is often a little less during the summer period, giving an opportunity for more games for the energetic and opportunities for guests to use the facilities. Two tables are available and we have the option of both singles and doubles matches if desired. The evenings are great fun and new members normally soon attain a good standard of play compatible with the others so please come along and try.

John Bracey

JANUARY MEETING

"DID I REALLY DO THAT?!" Dane Vanstone looked back on his 2010 Zurich Iron Man Challenge which he completed in 12 hours 18 minutes and 18 seconds raising over £3,000 for the RBL and Devon Air Ambulance.

Choosing Zurich ("It was flat compared to the South Hams"), Dane swam in Lake Zurich for 1 hour 5 minutes with over 2000 other competitors all vying for the same space ("it was like being in a washing machine"), cycled for 6 hours 6 minutes (equivalent to Newquay and back), and rounded off his day with a run (approximately to Plymouth and back) lasting 4 hours 56 minutes - he even managed to stop for an ice cream during his first ever marathon. Now we know he's a chap that likes a challenge ... but really!

CALLING ALL BOOKWORMS! - on 9th February Rosemary Piercy will be leading a "Wine and Wisdom" evening sharing favourite books. Please come and join us.

Kash Bawden

PARISH ROOM NEWS

February 2012

Many of you will already know that Alan McCarthy has decided to stand down from the Parish Room Committee having been the Chairman for over five years. During this time, thanks to his determination and graft, the Parish Room has, we hope you will agree, been transformed into a place where it is much more pleasant to meet. Many others have of course given their time and energy to contribute to the work, but Alan's leadership and organisation have been the driving force. He will be a hard act to follow.

Quiz- Saturday February 11th Make up a team of six or come along and join up with others. Doors open at 6.45 for a welcome drink. Tickets from Holywell Stores, Michael Tagent and Barry Old.

Film Show - Saturday March 24th We have purchased a large screen and other equipment to enable us to show films during the winter months. Our first film will be "**Baghdad Café**" on March 24th. More details will be given in the next Newsletter.

Ringmore Calendar The Ringmore Calendar for 2012 raised over £250 for the Parish Room and we wish to thank all who submitted photographs and helped with the sales, particularly Holywell Stores, Parkdean and Bigbury Bay Holiday Park. We are now thinking of next year's calendar and, if anyone would like to submit local photographs, please contact Barry 810359 or James 810303.

Committee- Barry Old **Chairman**, Michael Tagent **Treasurer**, **Secretary** (to be decided)
Pauline Smith, James Parkin, Ann Bracey, Carole Hext
Hall Bookings- Contact James Parkin 810303

Village Christmas Tree

Grateful thanks to Dane & Hilary, Holywell Stores, for donating the splendid Village Christmas Tree. Situated at the entrance to the church it provided a very welcoming sight to anyone coming into the village, especially during the evenings. Thanks also to Alan McCarthy for his assistance in putting up the tree, which seems to get bigger each year. We have been given an anonymous donation, accepted with grateful thanks, for an additional set of lights to augment the existing two sets which it is felt are not adequate for the increasing size of tree supplied.

Phill Errett

**RINGMORE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY
24TH JANUARY 2012 7.00PM WI HALL**

PRESENT Chairman M.Hammond Vice Chairman J.Parkin
Cllrs. J.Deverson S.Hitchmough B.Lambell J.Reynolds
B.Carson Clerk M.Wood 1 member of the public

APOLOGIES – W.Mumford

DECLARATION OF PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS – None

OPEN SESSION

Mr.R.Wood reported that Bigbury Parish Council have received new plans for Beach Down Bungalows in Challaborough. He asked the Council to enquire why the plans had not been forwarded to this Council as agreed with S.H.D.C. The clerk to enquire.

MINUTES OF NOVEMBER MEETING – Signed as correct.

MATTERS ARISING

Bus Shelter – Parish Council, after discussing the quotations received for refurbishing the bus shelter, agreed on A.M.King & Sons to carry out this work.

New Litter Bin – Cllr.Reynolds reported that this is due to arrive sometime this week.

Parish Room Sycamore Tree – Works to trees in a conservation area, application No. 40/0114/12/TCA, have been received to fell the sycamore tree and crown lift the copper beech. Parish Council had no objections.

The Parish Room Committee have appointed a new Chairman following Mr A McCarthy's resignation.

Addresses of second home owners – South Hams District Council are unable to supply this information as personal details such as names and addresses are exempt under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act so as not to contravene the Data Protection Act 1998.

Councillor co-option – No nominees have come forward.

News letter editorial – There has been no response to the request for someone to assist the Editor, with a view to take on this role. Another item will be placed in the newsletter. Parish Council wished to thank the Editorial team for all their efforts. The newsletter is on a strong financial basis. Cllrs. will try to encourage a suitable person to join the team..

B.CARSON

South Hams District Council budgets will be under discussion this week. Another matter under debate is to introduce car parking charges in areas where they are now presently free parking. South Hams are still working with West Devon Council regarding shared services, although the two councils have different working procedures. Mr.Carson mentioned that Bigbury Parish Council now had a number of new Councillors and their Chairman is considering arranging various courses which are available from Devon Association of Parish Councils. However these are held at some distance from this area. He asked if the other Charterland Councils have any interest in this, then the courses could be held locally.

ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

Cllr.Reynolds has spoken with the owners of Maple Bank to ascertain which hedge belongs to them and which belongs to Parish Council. The portion of the laurel hedge on the corner, opposite the gate to Mandava's garden, is outside Maple Bank's boundaries and is, therefore, the responsibility of the Parish Council. It was also agreed that Cllrs. J.Deverson and B.Lambell will clear the silt from the drainage channel.

Cllr.Deverson reported that The Veau drop drain had now been installed.

Once again the road markings between the church and the bus shelter were discussed.

Cllr.Hitchmough understood that the two rows of dotted lines indicated that you could exit but not enter. There was some disagreement about this item which will be discussed later when more information is received.

Public Path Diversion – Under section 53A(2) of the Wildlife and Countryside Act the path from Houghton to the Telephone exchange will be re-routed.

PLANNING

Producing a Local Plan was discussed and it was decided that this under taking was not appropriate for a Parish of our size.

PARISH PLAN

A Charterlands Cluster Meeting will be held on Monday 27th February 2012 at 7.00pm at Aveton Gifford hall. The Chairman asked Cllrs. to send their agenda items to Cllr.Carson.

FINANCE

Cheques agreed and signed –

Ringmore W.I for the use of the Hall £94.00

Ringmore Parish Newsletter yearly charge £161.50

Cllr.B.Lambell for replacement glass to the bus shelter notice board £29.65

The Chairman proposed a 5% salary increase for the Clerk which was agreed, starting from January 2012

The 2012/2013 precept was set at £3,500

QUEENS DIAMOND JUBILEE

Cllr.S.Hitchmough has formed a committee to organise celebrations for this event.

A meeting was held in January and various ideas were discussed, one of which was a street party. Highways will be asked if closure of the road from Walnut Tree Cottage to The Vein is possible. Further details will be published. Parish Council have agreed to fund the event up to a certain amount.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Skips have been arranged for the parish – 17th March Challaborough 24th March Ringmore.

Based at Barnford's paddock the Trojan Owners Club Rally will take place on 1st July 2012

DATE OF NEXT MEETING - 21st FEBRUARY 2012



**National
Trust**

With most of the winter behind us, February is the month we start to notice the days become ever so slightly longer and we look forward to the good times of spring and summer ahead.

New this year to the South Devon team is myself, Claire Courtier, who joined the National Trust in early January 2012. Highlights of my first week have to be exploring the sites across the property, carrying out maintenance work in some dramatic stormy weather, and moving the Dartmoor ponies, which I had been led to believe would be rather aloof but to my surprise followed us far to easily to their new grazing compartment without problem. Having grown up in South Devon I am thrilled to have the opportunity to look after this stretch of coastline and over the next few months I look forward to meeting everyone locally.

As you may be aware, we have been working with the South West Coast Path team on a project between Toby's Point and Ayrmer Cove to relocate 1000 m of the coast path fence line away from the eroding cliff edge. This will allow walkers and other users of the path a more enjoyable walk, without sacrificing the stunning views looking down into Ayrmer Cove and back over Bigbury and Burgh Island. Work is due to commence over the next couple of months and will be completed in time for the start of the summer season.

We are also about to get back underway with the Ringmore orchard project after the initial work which started in November with the clearance of the site. Orchard volunteer ranger John Reynolds has organised a community group that will carry out maintenance work to restore the orchard back to its full potential. For more information on getting involved please speak to John. The rangers are looking forward to seeing how the orchard improves in the year ahead.

Finally from us, a very big thank you to everyone that has helped to keep Ayrmer Cove looking at its best. There has been a real effort from the local community to keep the beach free from marine litter. In winter months we often see an increase in litter being washed ashore and the rangers really appreciate all your support.

Claire Courtier
South Devon Coast and Countryside Ranger

Diamond Jubilee Celebration

At the request of the Parish Council, a committee has been formed to plan a celebration within the parish to mark the occasion of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee on 5th June 2012. The committee is chaired by Sarah Hitchmough. The other members are Jane Reynolds, James Parkin, Michael Tagent, and Sean and Sharon Jones. It met for the first time in early January. After some discussion, it was agreed that the main celebration should take the form of a street party (road closure permitting). The intended location is the stretch of road running from the junction to the Journey's End, past Walnut Tree Cottage. Mike Wynne-Powell kindly has agreed to act as commemorative photographer, and Jackie Tagent has generously offered to bake a celebratory cake. Debbie Mercy is busy collecting fabric for red, white and blue bunting. The committee would welcome any other ideas, and offers of support, from parishioners so as to make this an enjoyable and memorable occasion for all.

A further update will follow in the next edition of the Newsletter.

Sarah Hitchmough

SIX NATIONS RUGBY FIXTURES

Saturday 4th February	France vs Italy	Scotland vs England	
Sunday 5th February	Ireland vs Wales		
Saturday 11th February	Italy vs England	France vs Ireland	
Sunday 12th February	Wales vs Scotland		
Saturday 25th February	Ireland vs Italy	England vs Wales	
Sunday 26th February	Scotland vs France		
Saturday 10th March	Wales vs Italy	Ireland vs Scotland	
Sunday 11th March	France vs England		
Saturday 17th March	Italy vs Scotland	Wales vs France	England vs Ireland

All matches will be shown on BBC1

A number of Parishioners are suffering from coughs and colds. Try this:

HEALING CHICKEN AND GINGER BROTH

3 x Skinless chicken breasts, cut into strips
1.4 litres Strong chicken stock
4 cm Fresh root ginger, peeled and cut into thin strips
1 x Small red chilli, deseeded and finely sliced
125g Pack Baby Sweetcorn, rough chopped
2 x Large carrots, cut into matchsticks
200g Uncooked egg noodles or 250g cooked rice
4 x Spring onions, finely sliced
Small handful fresh parsley, finely chopped

Put chicken in pan of cold water and bring to boil. Simmer gently for 5 min or until cooked through. Bring stock to boil and add ginger and chilli. Simmer few minutes then add sweetcorn, carrots, noodles or rice and most of spring onions. Simmer until noodles (if using) are cooked and the vegetables are just softening. Chop chicken and add to soup. Place in bowls and sprinkle over the remaining spring onions and the parsley.

(If you have any leftover cooked chicken, use this instead of poaching chicken)

Gillian Parkin

20 Years Ago

It was reported that the Planning Committee would be considering the proposal for an alternative route to Challaborough the following day. The council were in full support of this proposal and have been campaigning for such action for some time. Cllr John Tate presented a report on notified traffic problems since May 1991 which listed over forty incidents plus the increase of heavy lorries.

The Parish Council had agreed to finance the purchase of a sign which, after planning permission had been obtained, would be erected at the main entrance to the village, and thus all visitors will know that we have a neighbourhood watch scheme in operation.

10 Years Ago

Jubilee Celebrations (Monday 3rd June 2002)
Arrangements were progressing and details to be reported when they had been concluded. Ideas were still being tossed around and equipment was being sourced.
This was to be a village affair and almost everyone would be eventually have some part in the organisation.

The Millennium Clock project was in the final throes and depending on the views, the idea would sink or swim within the fore-coming weeks.....

From John Bracey

2011 CHRISTMAS CAROLS AT THE JOURNEY'S END

Those who attended the Journey's End on Christmas Eve last year were treated to a convivial evening of Christmas Carols with live music provided by the Bracey family. Shaun and Carol, recorders; Rebecca, flute; Clara, bassoon and Theo, tuba accompanied the singing in the bar of several popular carols to the apparent enjoyment of all. The atmosphere was a reminder of many previous popular Christmas Eves in our local pub. An informal collection afterwards provided £90 for the Children in Need Charity.

From Ann Bracey

The Wrong Coat

Someone left Natalie's wonderful 90th birthday party wearing the wrong Jack Murphy waterproof coat leaving me with a newer coat of the same colour and with a pair of black leather gloves in the pocket. If you have mine please contact me on 01548 810646.

From Natalie Hilton

I would like to send very sincere thanks to all the Wonderful friends who sent beautiful cards and presents for my Birthday. I shall treasure them all and they will be a lasting memory of a very happy day.

From Carole Hext

Radio Devon Air Ambulance Charity Lunch and Auction Raised the Sum of £1,212.50

I would like to say a big Thank You on behalf of myself, Sandy, Ella, Madeline and Ginny for the excellent support we received for this function.

Thank you to James Stevenson for taking care of the auction, to Anne Lambell for donating the money for the hire of the Parish Room, to Emily who gave a great donation from her café and to those who gave so generously. This was very much appreciated.

The lunch was excellent and very much enjoyed by all. Liz Turner (thedinnerservice.com) really pulled everything together. We hope she will return for many more functions here in the village.

We hope to keep the flag flying and raise more money in 2012. as no one knows when they may need our Air Ambulance Service.

From the Editorial Team

Ellen Barden collects a copy of the Ringmore Parish Newsletter from Holywell Stores. She has kindly given us a donation. Thank you very much.

RINGMORE HISTORICAL SOCIETY AGM, 30TH NOVEMBER 2011

Chairman, Di Collinson, opened proceedings with her report on the year's eventful activities. These included talks on the Eddystone Lighthouse by Nigel Overton and The Royal Naval Dockyard by Commander Charles Crichton. Visits were taken to the Devon Rural Archive at Shilstone where Ringmore now has its own file and box installed and Torre Abbey where the house and beautiful gardens were enjoyed in fine summer weather. The All Hallows yew tree was measured for the second time and, as well as being in good shape, it was found to be five years older than the last time it was measured in 2006!

The Chairman thanked the WI, Ringmore Newsletter, Journey's End and Holywell Stores for their valuable support and Mike Hammond for his work as Financial Examiner and, of course, the Committee members for their resourcefulness and hard work. The Committee was re-elected without change.

Finally, on a note of caution, Di advised that a number of Committee Members wished to stand down but new members are not coming forward. It is hoped that, during the activities in 2012, there will be the opportunity for an open debate and discussion to plan the future of the RHS.

We were fortunate that the historian, Dr. Todd Gray, whose talk planned for January had to be postponed due to bad weather, was able to attend this meeting and gave a fascinating talk on "Christmas in Devon". Todd explained how Christmas and Christmas Greetings had changed over the years from being a feast day provided by local squires to the Victorians who developed the event to a family and present giving affair. This talk was well illustrated with slides of stained glass and carvings depicting the Church's interpretation of Christmas.

James Parkin

RTNGMORE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

At 7.35 p.m. Barry Old, the Society Secretary introduced our speaker, James Stevenson. James's title was 'Dartmouth Conspiracy – the True Story'. There followed an hour of delight in which James described a bombing raid on the Royal Naval College at Dartmouth drawing largely on his own recollections, records from the Public Record Office and others' reminiscences.

How was it that a Focke-Wulf plane bombed the College that day securing a direct hit and why that day? Why was there only one fatality and not a single Officer Cadet? Why were the cadets all on the River Dart receiving sailing instruction? Czech pilots, some of whom had tried to intercept the Focke-Wulf, received the most appalling punishments including execution when they returned home after the War, several with English wives. Why?

James lived near the College as a boy and later became intrigued to search for the answers to these questions. However extraordinary it all seemed, James's answers in his richly illustrated talk satisfied his audience. His novel on the subject entitled 'Dartmouth Conspiracy' is still available second-hand on Amazon and on website

www.abcbooks.co.uk

Dennis Collinson

DEAF WIFE - sent by Colin Jackson

A man feared his wife wasn't hearing as well as she used to and he thought she might need a hearing aid. Not quite sure how to approach her, he called the family doctor to discuss the problem.

The Doctor told him there is a simple informal test the husband could perform to give the doctor a better idea about her hearing loss.

Here's what you do," said the Doctor, "stand about 40 feet away from her, and in a normal conversational speaking tone see if she hears you.

If not, go to 30 feet, then 20 feet, and so on until you get a response."

That evening, the wife is in the kitchen cooking dinner, and he was in the den. He says to himself, "I'm about 40 feet away, let's see what happens."

Then in a normal tone he asks, "Honey, what's for dinner?" No response..

So the husband moves closer to the kitchen, about 30 feet from his wife and repeats, "Honey, what's for dinner?" Still no response.

Next he moves into the dining room where he is about 20 feet from his wife and asks, "Honey, what's for dinner?" Again no response.

So, he walks up to the kitchen door, about 10 feet away.. "Honey, what's for dinner?" Again there is no response

So he walks right up behind her... "Honey, what's for dinner?" "Ralph, for the fifth time, chicken!"

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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Here's to 2012, always looking forward, Kips xx

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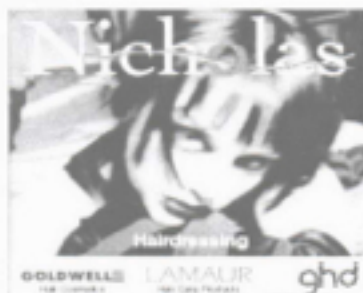
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Here is hoping that 2012 is a good one for everyone!

Conor and Tracy