

Ringmore Parish Newsletter

March 2012

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Deadline: 22nd March 2012

DIARY DATES:

Monday:	Short Mat Bowls, Parish Rm	7.30pm
Tuesday:	Watercolours, Parish Rm.	10.30-1.00
	Table Tennis, Parish Rm.	8.00pm
Thursday:	Drawing, Parish Rm.	1.30-4.00
	Lent Course, Barnford	7.30pm
	Quiz Night, Journeys End	9.00pm

March

1st	Lent Course commences, Barnford	7.30pm
5th	Tearfund Lunch, WI Hall	12.00-2.00pm
8th	WI Meeting	8.00pm
9th	Conservative Ass. AGM & Dinner	from 7.00pm
14th	Parish Room AGM	7.30pm
17th	Skip, Challaborough	
18th	Mothering Sunday	
	Concert, Kingston Church	3.00pm
20th	Parish Council Meeting, WI Hall	7.00pm
21st	Historical Society Talk, WI Hall	7.30pm
24th	Skip, Ringmore	
	Film Show, Parish Room	6.45 for 7.30pm

April

1st	Table Tennis Tournament, JE	1.30pm
14th	RHS Exhibition, Parish Room	2.00 - 5.00pm
17th	Parish Council Meeting + AGM	7.00pm

May

22nd	Parish Council Meeting, WI Hall	7.00pm
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June

5th	Diamond Jubilee Celebrations	
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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Andrew and Bradley work on the Orchard

ROAD CLOSURE - ROAD CLOSURE

From Monday 23rd April until Friday 27th April
the road between
Bull Horn Cross and St. Ann's Chapel will be
closed for essential water infrastructure work.

MOBILE LIBRARY

Tuesday 13 & 27

Ringmore Church 11.20 - 11.55



	Rainfall	
February:	72 mm	
10 year average:	79mm	
10 year high:	152mm (2007)	
10 year low:	29mm (2005)	

The Editorial Team would like to send their condolences to John Borne and his family for the loss of his father, Boysey and also to Mike Pitt and his family for the loss of his mother, Joan

Please send items for inclusion in the newsletter to e-mail: ringmorenews@btconnect.com or contact any of the team:

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A lively concert in Kingston

On Sunday March 18th at 3pm there is to be a concert in Kingston Church in aid of a school in Uganda - **The Kampala Music School**. 10 years ago a scheme was set up in Kampala called "Pianos for Kampala" and this has grown into a UK registered charity giving children the chance of music lessons and supplying instruments. Over 1000 children have passed through the school with new skills to lift them out of poverty. Now the school is bursting at the seams in the basement of the YMCA and is moving to its own building, hence the need for fundraising for its purchase and conversion.

"Mosaic", a singing group from Totnes, under the direction of Bob Barsby (who has taught at the school) will be performing light classical pieces at the concert. Also Kingston's resident Jazz musician, John Wurr, is to play and then two gifted instrumentalists, a classical cellist and a woodwind player are due to delight us. We hope for a lively, happy occasion plus refreshments at half time.

Tickets are £10 (£5 for children) and can be obtained by ringing Carol Beard on 810500 or at Pickles.



VIVA MEXICO !

A COLOURFUL MUSICAL COMEDY
WITH THE EXCITING RHYTHMS OF
LATIN AMERICA

27-31 MARCH 2012
MALBOROUGH VILLAGE HALL
TICKETS: KINGSBRIDGE INFORMATION CENTRE

 **KATs PRESENTS**
A GREAT FAMILY SHOW

THE ANGLICAN PRODUCTION IS PRESENTED BY ARRANGEMENT WITH JUDY WENNINGER LTD

**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 9th MARCH 2012

AGM: 7.00pm-7.30pm (Members only) Get
together 7.30pm-8.00pm
BUFFET DINNER: 8.00pm Tickets £12.50
available from Committee Members

ALL WELCOME

TEARFUND LUNCH

On Monday 5th March the last Tearfund Lunch of the season will be held in the WI Hall between 12.00 and 2.00 pm. Why not come along and enjoy a bowl of homemade soup, followed by a delicious fruit crumble. We look forward to seeing you then and thank everyone for their support.

Judy Bull and Alison Wynne-Powell

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.

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		



CHURCH SERVICES & THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

	Bigbury 11.00 am	Kingston 9.30 am	Ringmore 9.30 am
4 th March	Family Communion	Family Communion	Family Service
11 th March	Family Service	Family Service	Family Service
18 th March	Family Service	Holy Communion (traditional)	Village Service
21 st March (Wednesday)	Korniloff Communion (2.30 pm)		
25 th March	Holy Communion (BCP)	Family Service	Family Communion

Dear friends

We are now in Lent and I want us to be encouraged to keep our observance of Lent as a time of abstinence, alms-giving, studying God's word and reflection.

When we voluntarily forego some of the privileges of our affluent society we express our solidarity with the poor. In a world of plenty we stand with them against the evil of poverty in the world.

Some of us may have decided on a period of fasting or abstaining from certain foods, while others have taken up daily Bible study, or attending a Lent course. It is as we undertake these acts that we come to know our poverty and need of repentance before God, and our dependence on the graciousness of our compassionate Lord.

Lent is a time when we look to be more like Christ, as we discover His ways for us in our Bibles and walk closer to them in our daily lives.

Some may call it 'taking up our cross', but Jesus does not speak of passive suffering, but of an active daily commitment to follow Him.

The Cross is an awesome symbol which is about giving everything up out of love. For the faithful, taking up the cross is about being 'like a tree that is planted beside the flowing waters' (Ps. 1: 3). It means actively seeking to become the person God calls us to be; refusing to be caught up in the false promises and deceptive rewards of our culture, but patterning ourselves on Christ in order to be fully alive. The Christian cross is first and foremost a symbol of forgiveness and new life.

Our task this Lent, as every year, is to try to narrow the gap between the path that our lives are currently going, and the way Christ shows us to live; finding how we can best walk with Him and serve Him in the year ahead.

May God bless you on your journey through Lent.

Lesley

Prayer: Jesus Christ, you offer us the fullness of life. Help us to follow you, so that your cross might become a tree of life that brings wholeness and healing to our divided and suffering world. Amen.

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

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

Journey's End John Edward Bracey Table Tennis Tournament

Bracey's Table Tennis Club 11-2000

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 810546). 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.

RINGMORE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Exhibition

Saturday April 14th
Parish Room
2pm to 5pm

**What happened to those who were unable
to provide for themselves or their families?**

**What part did the villagers play in both
World Wars?**

**The history of the Church, and much more
from the archives.**

Free admission

Refreshments available

RINGMORE PARISH ROOM

FILM NIGHT

Saturday March 24th
7.30

Doors open at 6.45 for a welcome drink

Admission £5 pay at the door

BAGDAD CAFE

A lonely German woman is left in the desert
after a row with her husband. She stumbles
on a remote café, run by some odd characters.
What then follows is funny, quirky, and heart
warming. Don't miss it!

Proceeds to the Parish Room restoration

RINGMORE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Wednesday March 21st

7.30 in the WI Hall

THE MAKING OF MILLBAY DOCKS



An illustrated talk by Nigel Overton
Maritime Heritage Officer
Plymouth Museum

All welcome

RINGMORE PARISH ROOM

The

Annual General Meeting is open to all residents.

It will be held in the Parish Room
at 7.30 pm
on Wednesday 14th March

Your opportunity to

Elect the new Committee
Approve the financial accounts
See what's happened during the year
Hear about plans for the future
Ask questions about the Parish Room

We hope to see you there!



Jacqueline Patterson 2nd June 1938—28th January 2012

Jacqueline died in Cape Town on 28th January after a brief illness. She and Mike loved South Africa and made frequent visits. It was at the end of a trip James and I made many years back that we stayed with them in their rented cottage in Cape Town. It was so enjoyable that, after that, we often arranged "jolly jaunts" together to various places around the country; we celebrated Mike's 80th birthday in a restaurant in Brussels and were present at lunch parties in the south east marking their 25th wedding anniversary and Jacqueline's 70th birthday. Jacqueline cared very much for the village and, in particular, the Church. She served on the Parochial Church Council, the Parish Council and Chaired the Ringmore Historical Society Committee and she and Michael were enthusiastic regulars at the Journey's End. Jacqueline was such an elegant, feisty and forthright lady; I once gave her a kitchen magnet that read "*I'm not bossy, I just have good ideas*" which amused her greatly and it was a permanent fixture on her Aga. She loved to cook and entertain and was also very caring and shopped and cleaned for me when I was incapacitated for a while after an operation and, when my mother moved to Ringmore at the age of 92, visited her regularly and took her out.

We shall miss the good times and the friendship.

Gillian

JOHN AND JENNY BORNE would like to thank their neighbours and friends for the many letters and cards they received after the death of Boysey. Also thanks to Phill Errett for his help and to Michael Tagent for the personal touch he brought to the funeral service

QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE

At the recent meeting of the Jubilee Celebrations Committee, it was agreed to hold a Parish street party on Tuesday 5th June. Lunch will take place between Walnut Tree cottage and the Parish room and people will be asked to bring food and drink of their choice suitable for sharing. The event will include a village photo, Jubilee mug painting, toast of sparkling wine and Jubilee cake, a street entertainer and a live band. Don't forget to keep this day free. It was also suggested that a Jubilee oak sapling be planted at a suitable place in the Parish.

THE THORNTON FAMILY

Alice and Tim are delighted to announce that Elena (pronounced Eleena), 10 months, has joined her brother Jake, 2 years, and they are now one happy family. They look forward to introducing their children to the village.

HAPPY RETIREMENT

Congratulations to Ella on her retirement. Her successful bed and breakfast brought many happy visitors to Ringmore who, over the years, provided substantial benefits to local businesses and societies. We are sure Ella will enjoy her well earned rest and wish her well.

James Parkin

JOAN PITT

Sadly my mother, Joan, passed away peacefully at the Ivydene Nursing Home on 17th February 2012, aged 87. For those in the village who may not know, Joan moved to Challaborough in 1964 as the district Nurse for the Kingsbridge and surrounding area. After the death of my father, John, she came to live with Jane and me and, but for a very brief period, lived with us for 25 years. She was much loved and will be sadly missed.

Mike Pitt

RINGMORE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

JACQUELINE PATTERSON

Many members of the Ringmore Historical Society will have clear and happy memories of the years when Jacqueline Patterson was Chairwoman of the Society. She joined the Society in 1997 when George Grimshaw was Chairman and soon became elected to its committee. In those days the committee members met at Middle Manor and were much involved in the ambitious project of producing a series of historical booklets about the parish of Ringmore – its domestic buildings, its church, its land, and its people. Jacqueline undertook to write a booklet about the All Hallows graveyard and its memorials, along with brief stories of some life-long Ringmore villagers and the strange and sad circumstances of several of the burials.

Jacqueline became the Chairwoman of the Historical Society in 2002 and remained in office until 2007 when she and Mike, feeling the need for a smaller home, moved to Blackawton. Her years in office were notable for her enterprise and great capability. More booklets relating the story of Ringmore were produced by the Society, and it was under her aegis that, in 2005, the glorious Beach Photograph and Picnic event took place and was enjoyed by so many parishioners. A year later, still guided by her leadership, another lovely summer's day saw the first measuring of the All Hallows Yew tree and its classification as an Ancient Yew, well over five hundred years old.

And so we remember Jacqueline with much affection, admiration, and gratitude for all she did for the Historical Society. We know she did much else in the parish as well, always with Mike as a stalwart partner in all she undertook. We offer him and his family our sympathy, and our warmest well-wishing for the days ahead.

Di Collinson



National Trust

February was an action packed month for the National Trust rangers, with a big focus on delivering activities for school week and community events.

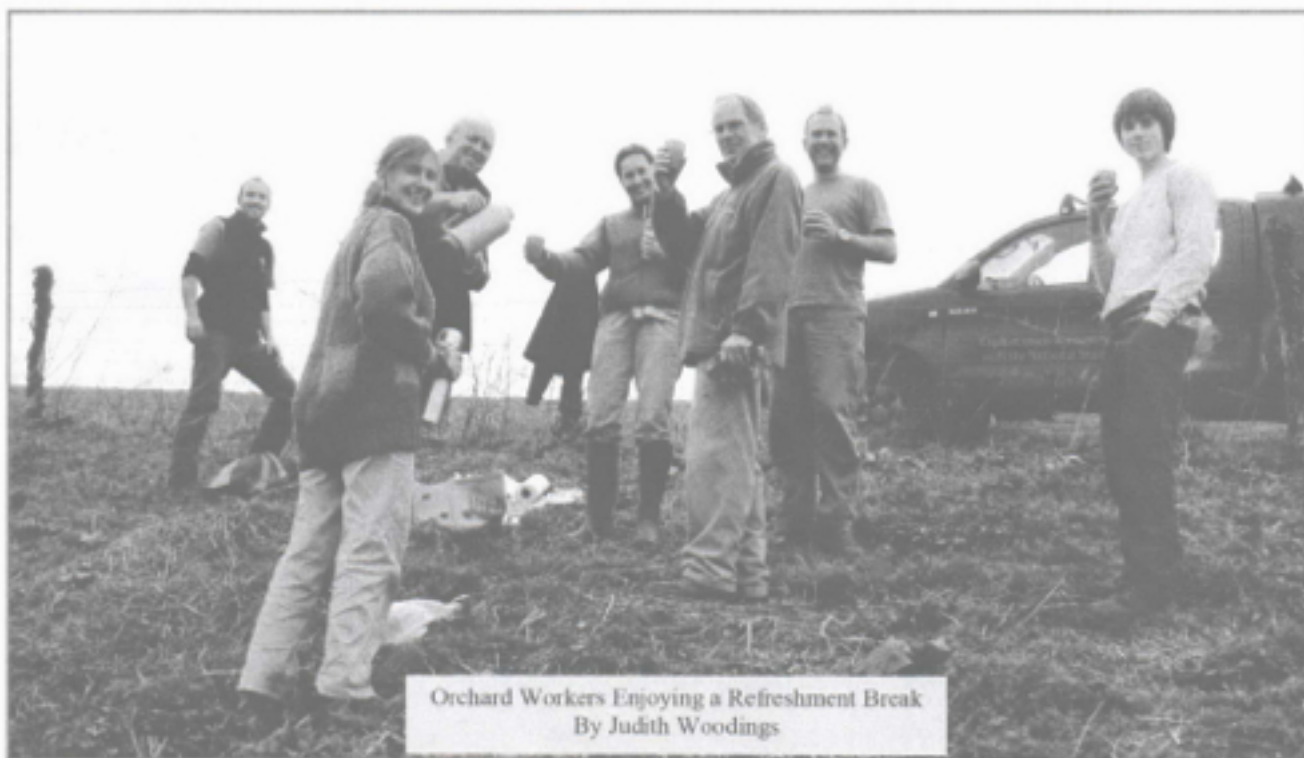
Despite the cold weather, students from local primary and secondary schools enjoyed willow weaving, beach walks and toasted marshmallows by the fire at Bolberry Down. This was a wonderful opportunity for children to learn about our local environment and to be actively involved in the conservation of our coastline. Ranger Mark Hoskin who led the group said 'The school children were fantastic and their enthusiasm for the activities and being out in the countryside was brilliant. We are really looking forward to working with them in the future'. A weekend showcase event for the children's families followed and was a great occasion for parents to see what the children had been involved in, with the addition of a bonfire and barbeque to keep everyone warm!

Work at Ringmore orchard continued last month, with volunteers helping to remove tree guards, clearing vegetation from around the fruit trees and opening up the view out to sea. All hard work was rewarded with an enjoyable sloe gin and salmon sandwiches, kindly supplied by Jane Reynolds. The next volunteer session is due to be held sometime in March. For more information please speak to our orchard volunteer ranger, John.

Volunteers from BTCV working holidays spent a morning beach cleaning Ayrmer cove and went on to an afternoon rambling in the rookpools at South Milton sands. Marine litter previously washed in at Ayrmer had collected on the far side of the beach, so the group spent the morning raking through the seaweed removing rubbish and left the seaweed to be washed back out by the tide.

With springtime nearly upon us now is an incredible time to get outdoors and enjoy the fresh air, so I recommend you visit the downloadable walks section of our website where you will find suggested walks of varying ability covering across South Devon. For more information visit www.nationstrustal.org.uk/walking

Claire Courtier
South Devon Coast and Countryside ranger



Orchard Workers Enjoying a Refreshment Break
By Judith Woodings

RINGMORE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY 21ST FEBRUARY 2012 7.00PM WI HALL

PRESENT Chairman M.Hammond Vice Chairman J.Parkin
W.Mumford B.Carson
Cllrs. S.Hitchmough B.Lambell J.Reynolds
Clerk M.Wood 7 members of the public

APOLOGIES Cllr.J.Deverson

The Chairman called for a minutes silence to be observed in memory of a previous Parish Councillor, Mrs. J. Patterson, who died at the end of January.

DECLARATION OF PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS – None

OPEN SESSION – Refer to Planning heading

MINUTES OF JANUARY MEETING

Amendment under Environmental Matters – The first section should read – 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. The minutes were then signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING

New Litter Bin – Cllr.Reynolds reported that the new bin has been delivered, and will be fixed into place on Friday.

News Letter Editorial – A volunteer has come forward and is working with the team. Further information will be reported in due course.

SHDC Challaborough Planning Omission – Cllr.Carson will once again enquire why planning applications on the Bigbury side of Challaborough are not being sent to the Ringmore Clerk.

W.MUMFORD

The DCC budgets have been approved. The DCC part of the council tax is not being increased, and the 2.5% (approx.£8 million) of which £5 million will be used to repair 'C' roads. The remainder will be earmarked for the DCC care homes. Extra funding will be given to the Parish Lengthsmen i.e. possibly increasing visits. To help cutting costs the Council's policy is not to replace staff that leave but to fill the vacancies with existing staff. Disruption on the roads at the moment is due to large amounts of drainage work, also speed limits are being introduced from Dunstone Cross to Yealmpton making it all a 40mph limit. Further restrictions to Brixton will be applied later. Negotiations are still ongoing to get a faster broadband into all rural areas. Cllr.Parkin asked Mr.Mumford if he could look into the markings on the road by the church to see if it was possible to put a 'no entry' sign making traffic go to the left of the bus shelter.

B.CARSON

Mr.Carson mentioned that SHDC had decided to increase the council tax by 2.5% which would mean approx. £3.00 per year on a band D property. The police and fire services have had their portion raised. He then reminded Cllrs. of the forthcoming Cluster Meeting on Monday 27th February.

ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

Cllr.Reynolds stated that while out walking he had noticed that some of the wooden stiles had been replaced with galvanised metal gates. He asked Mr.Carson whether, in these times, was the cost of replacing these stiles necessary. After discussion the theory was that it was to allow for disabled access. However, Mr.Carson will make some enquiries and report back.

PLANNING

Application 40/0259/12/F installation of 11kw wind turbine with 4m long blades on 15m mast supported by 4x4x1m concrete base. Marwell Barn Ringmore.

Under the 'Open Session' of our meeting, Mr.Chris McCarthy speaking on behalf of his neighbours (who were present) outlined their reasons for strongly opposing this application. The proposed site was too close to the

boundaries of their properties with some of the measurements in the application incorrect. The height of the mast by its position on higher ground than their properties would increase the light flicker effect of ten times the rotor diameter of eight metres. The noise was also of concern given this is a very rural location with very little road traffic noise.

Parish Council, although supportive of ways of producing renewable energy, were unanimous in their decision to object to this application due to its overwhelming height in an area of outstanding natural beauty and also the impact it would have on the parishioners living near by.

PARISH PLAN

Cllr. Reynolds reported that an oil delivery had taken place last week and he will continue to negotiate the price.

FINANCE

Cheques agreed and signed

£200 Ringmore PCC annual payment for churchyard upkeep

£11.26 to Cllr Reynolds for the purchase of Postcrete for the new litter bin.

QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE

A committee meeting has been held, and provisional plans have been made – further details will be published in the Newsletter.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Annual Meeting 17th April 7.30pm – Guests to be invited W.Mumford, B.Carson, S.Radford (Parkdean) National Trust and Police representatives.

Cllr.Lambell has been asked by the Borne family if the Parish Council had any objections to them purchasing a seat to be placed in the parish in memory of the late Mr.Bourne. Council had no objection and suggested that behind the bus shelter would be an appropriate place.

Road Closure – Monday 23rd April to Friday 27th April Bullhorn Cross to Chapel Cross.

The Council decided not to object to S.H.D.C. withdrawing funds to support "Villages in Action".

The Lord Lieutenant's invitation to a Garden Party at Exeter Cathedral: the Council proposed to ask Mrs. A. Lambell to be the Ringmore Parish representative.

The Snow Warden reported that salt was spread on the 10th February following a warning of ice from D.C.C.. In hindsight this was probably not needed.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING 20th MARCH 2012

FEBRUARY MEETING



"AN EVENING WITH A DIFFERENCE" is what we were promised – and we weren't let down. A wide variety of readings - some light hearted, some thought provoking – included Daphne Dumaourier's *"Frenchman's Creek"*, John Masefield's poem in praise of rum and the wedding reading from Louis de Bernieres *"Captain Corelli's Mandolin"*. On the historical side, the Gunpowder Plot from Smollett's *"Complete History of England Vol V"*; of Pope Joan VII from Fox's 1648 *"Book of Martyrs"*, and James Stevenson's father's exploits with Prince George (son of King George V) whilst serving on a gunboat on the River Yangtze in 1926. Pam Ayres *"Foolish Brother Luke"* had us smiling – as did a letter written by an 8 year old in praise of Grandmothers. According to this young man "Grandmothers – everyone should have one, especially if you don't have television." Andrew Marr's *"History of Modern Britain"* summed it up: "To be born British remains a wonderful stroke of luck."

The next meeting will be on Thursday 8th March when Chris Chambers will talk on The Life of an Entertainer. Please come and join us at 8pm.

Kash Bawden

INTER PARISH QUIZ

On the 7th of February Ringmore met Diptford at the Journeys End in the first round of the quiz. All was going well for the Ringmore team in the first few rounds ,but Diptford's knowledge of Americanisms gave them a lead which we were unable to catch. Final score Diptford 121, Ringmore 101 so no disgrace there! We meet Holbeton in the next round for the Ken West plate so we'd better be on good form. Date and venue to be announced.

Barry Old



Easter Teas

Ringmore W.I. Hall

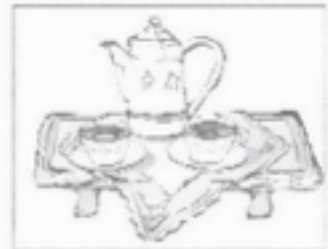
*Good Friday to Easter Monday
6th to 9th April from 3.15 to 5.30 pm*

Hot Cross Buns - Scones

Home-made Cakes

Tea & squash (unlimited refills!)

A treat for the whole family



PARISH ROOM QUIZ

A goodly crowd took part in the Parish Room Quiz on February 11th. Seven teams entered and the winners were the Pingpongers but not by a large margin.

It was good to see the room full and to see people enjoying themselves. Thank you to everyone who took part. And thanks once again to Robbie for compiling an entertaining quiz and to Alan for presenting it.

Barry Old

Parish Room AGM March 14th 7.30

Film Show March 24th 6.45

Getting to Heaven

Tony and Yvonne were 85 years old and had been married for sixty years. Though far from rich, they managed to get by because Tony watched their pennies.

Though not young, they were both in very good health, largely due to Yvonne's insistence on healthy foods and exercise. One day, their good health didn't help when they went on yet another holiday and their plane crashed, sending them off to Heaven. They reached the pearly gates, and St. Peter escorted them inside. He took them to a beautiful mansion, furnished in gold and fine silks, with a fully stocked kitchen and a waterfall in the master bath. A maid could be seen hanging their favourite clothes in the closet. They gasped in astonishment when he said, 'Welcome to Heaven. This will be your home now.' Tony asked Peter how much all this was going to cost. 'Why, nothing,' Peter replied, 'remember, this is your reward in Heaven.' Tony looked out the window and right there he saw a championship golf course, finer and more beautiful than any ever built on Earth.. 'What are the greens fees?,' grumbled Tony. 'This is heaven,' St. Peter replied. 'You can play for free, every day. Next they went to the clubhouse and saw the lavish buffet lunch, with every imaginable cuisine laid out before them, from seafood to steaks to exotic deserts, free flowing beverages. 'Don't even ask,' said St. Peter to Tony. This is Heaven, it is all free for you to enjoy.' Tony looked around and glanced nervously at Yvonne. 'Well, where are the low fat and low cholesterol foods and the decaffeinated tea?,' he asked. That's the best part,' St. Peter replied. 'You can eat and drink as much as you like of whatever you like and you will never get fat or sick. This is Heaven!' 'No gym to work out at?' said Tony 'Not unless you want to,' was the answer. 'No testing my sugar or blood pressure?' 'Never again. All you do here is enjoy yourself.' Tony glared at Yvonne and said, 'You and your Bran Flakes. We could have been here ten years ago!'

Sent in by Peter Phipps

Anglo-EU Translation Guide

Contributed by Richard Baker

What the British say	What the British mean	What others understand
I hear what you say	I disagree and do not want to discuss it further	He accepts my point of view
With the greatest respect...	I think you are an idiot	He is listening to me
That's not bad	That's good	That's poor
That is a very brave proposal	You are insane	He thinks I have courage
Quite good	A bit disappointing	Quite good
I would suggest...	Do it or be prepared to justify yourself	Think about the idea, but do what you like
Oh, incidentally/ by the way	The primary purpose of our discussion is...	That is not very important
I was a bit disappointed that	I am annoyed that	It doesn't really matter
Very interesting	That is clearly nonsense	They are impressed
I'll bear it in mind	I've forgotten it already	They will probably do it
I'm sure it's my fault	It's your fault	Why do they think it was their fault?
You must come for dinner	It's not an invitation, I'm just being polite	I will get an invitation soon
I almost agree	I don't agree at all	He's not far from agreement
I only have a few minor comments	Please re-write completely	He has found a few typos
Could we consider some other options	I don't like your idea	They have not yet decided

FINALLY IT'S HERE

AT LAST A WINE GLASS THAT MAKES SENSE.

WHAT TOOK THEM SO LONG!



Contributed by Colin Jackson

20 Years Ago

Joan and Bacchus Baughan were delighted to announce Charles' engagement to Ilona Beckett. Charles, who first came to the village 34 years ago, was then living at Knowle House in the Teign Valley near Chudleigh. The wedding would be taking place on 6th June in Higher Ashton.

An alternative caravan access to Challaborough was approved by SHDC via Folly Farm Bigbury.

10 Years Ago

February concluded with a full-blown gale in practice for March winds. It was reported that the sea tractor that services Burgh Island had run aground on the rocks just short of the slipway and the occupants, all staff, had to endure 3 hours of severe cold, with waves washing over the decks and them, until the tide subsided enough for them to be helped off.

The application by Mr Gilliam of the J.E. to convert the rear garden to a car park was discussed at length. Mr Gilliam felt that he was losing too many customers who were unwilling to walk from the existing car park. Nineteen parishioners opposed the application, together with the majority of Parish Council Committee.

NEWS FROM ALL HALLOWS

Shrove Tuesday Coffee Morning.

A good turn out supported an enjoyable and sociable coffee morning with pancakes, cakes, refreshments and various raffles. The bookstall and bric-a-brac did good trade as did the greeting cards which were produced by the Team Rector's wife Caroline. The Ringmore Art Class fronted by Judith Woodings put on a stunning display of recent work which hopefully will encourage new budding artists to join. The Name the Bird competition caused much anguish in trying to decide which bird was which. The Coffee morning raised around £300 which will be divided equally between St Luke's Hospice and All Hallows- Thank you all for your support.

Phill Errett

Lent Readings

Last year, a few of us followed a course of readings throughout lent (Monday to Friday), which covered the whole of the New Testament, following selected texts each day. Almost every day somebody did this in the church at 8.00 a.m.. This year we are following a similar course of readings which will cover Isaiah, St. Luke's gospel and the Acts of the Apostles. The idea is to do it again in the church at 8.00 a.m., but we may read the first few days at home. If you would like to join us, please let us know, or just turn up. In any event, if you would like a copy of the daily reading list, please contact us.

Adrian Bull

Lent Course

Starting on 1st March, we will be meeting each Thursday evening at Barnford at 7.30 p.m. to follow a course which is based on the film 'The King's Speech'. Everyone is welcome, even if you cannot come every week. It would be nice to know in advance how many people are coming, but feel free just to turn up on the night.

Adrian & Judy Bull (810420) and Gilbert & Kate Snook (810017)



Sean Jones from Challaborough reports that a man appeared in his back garden, who knocked on the door when he saw Sean in the kitchen. He said he was looking for scrap metal and drove off when challenged. He was driving a pickup with a white cab and red body. There is no evidence that he was up to no good but given the level of metal thefts, his behaviour could be seen as suspect. If you see any suspicious behaviour you can ring the police on 101.

Barry Old - Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator

The English Plural

Contributed by Tony Trivett

We'll begin with a box, and the plural is boxes,
But the plural of ox becomes oxen, not oxes.
One fowl is a goose, but two are called geese,
Yet the plural of moose should never be meese.
You may find a lone mouse or a nest full of mice,
Yet the plural of house is houses, not hiee.
If the plural of man is always called men,
Why shouldn't the plural of pan be called pen?
If I speak of my foot and show you my feet,
And I give you a boot, would a pair be called beet?
If one is a tooth and a whole set are teeth,
Why shouldn't the plural of booth be called beeth?
Then one may be that, and three would be those,
Yet hat in the plural would never be hose,
And the plural of cat is cats, not cose.
We speak of a brother and also of brethren,
But though we say mother, we never say methren.
Then the masculine pronouns are he, his and him,
But imagine the feminine: she, shis and shim!
Let's face it - English is a crazy language.
There is no egg in eggplant nor ham in hamburger;
Neither apple nor pine in pineapple.
English muffins weren't invented in England.
We take English for granted, but if we explore its paradoxes,
We find that quicksand can work slowly, boxing rings are square,
And a guinea pig is neither from Guinea nor is it a pig.
And why is it that writers write, but fingers don't fing,
Grocers don't groce and hammers don't ham?
Doesn't it seem crazy that you can make amends but not one amend?
If you have a bunch of odds and ends and get rid of all but one of them,
What do you call it?
If teachers taught, why didn't preachers praught?
If a vegetarian eats vegetables, what does a humanitarian eat?
Sometimes I think all the folks who grew up speaking English
Should be committed to an asylum for the verbally insane.
In what other language do people recite at a play and play at a recital?
We ship by truck but send cargo by ship...
We have noses that run and feet that smell,
We park in a driveway and drive in a parkway.
And how can a slim chance and a fat chance be the same,
While a wise man and a wise guy are opposites?
You have to marvel at the unique lunacy of a language
In which your house can burn up as it burns down,
In which you fill in a form by filling it out,
And in which an alarm goes off by going on.
And in closing.....
If Father is Pop, how come Mother's not Mop.?

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