



# Happy Christmas

**A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO ALL OUR  
DISTRIBUTOIRS, CONTRIBUTORS AND YOU,  
THE READERS ! FROM THE EDITORIAL TEAM.**

*We wish all our  
friends the Joy of  
Christmas & a  
peaceful &  
Healthy New  
Year.*

*Robbie, Alan &  
Phobie*

*A Truly Joyful Christmas  
and Happy New Year  
from Jackie and Michael*

*Warmest Thoughts  
and Best Wishes for a  
Wonderful  
Christmas and a  
Happy New Year—  
The Hammond  
Family*

**Very Best wishes for Christmas  
and the New Year to all our  
Friends and Neighbours  
Nathalie & Shandy**



*Wishing Everyone the Peace  
& Joy which the true  
meaning of Christmas  
brings,  
with our love  
Adrian & Judy*

*Phil and Sully wish  
everyone a Happy  
Christmas and a  
Healthy New Year*

*Alice Mason wishes all  
her friends in  
Ringmore a  
Very Happy  
Christmas  
and is sorry she is  
unable to send  
Christmas cards this  
year.*

*Andrea and Bertie  
Wish Everyone  
a Very flappy  
Christmas and a  
Good and Healthy  
2013*

*Wishing all our  
Friends and  
Neighbours a Merry  
Christmas and a Happy  
New Year.  
John and Jane at  
Walnut Tree Cottage*

*Wishing You all Peace and Happiness  
at Christmas and through out the  
New Year James and Gillian*

## And a Happy New Year for 2013

## WASTE SKIP SATURDAY 1st DECEMBER

A SKIP HAS BEEN ORGANISED  
FOR THE BENEFIT OF  
PARISHIONERS FOR THE  
COLLECTION OF  
WASTE AND RECYCLING  
MATERIALS,



INCLUDING  
TELEVISIONS,  
COMPUTERS,  
MONITORS AND  
REFRIGERATORS.



WOOD AND GREEN WASTE  
IS ALSO ACCEPTABLE.



IT WILL BE LOCATED IN THE  
NORMAL PLACE ADJACENT TO THE  
CHURCH AND WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM



9.00am UNTIL 3.00pm. TWO  
MEMBERS OF SOUTH HAMS  
CONTAINERS STAFF WILL BE  
AVAILABLE TO HELP ANYONE  
THAT REQUIRES IT.

RINGMORE PARISH COUNCIL

## A Very Happy Christmas and New Year to you all !

This month we see a hive of festive treats ahead of us, Starting with a Skip! and more traditionally a Christmas Bazaar at the WI Hall here in Ringmore on the First. ( Seriously do make good use of the Skip for your unwanted items, it's a fantastic service right on our doorstep with help to hand as well. )

The End of November saw out yet another Highest Rainfall ever, (I do get to read all these facts ) and who knows what the odds are for a white Christmas in Ringmore?

John Reynolds is leading up what looks like a fantastic opportunity to learn a trick or two about hedge Laying , read all about it in the National Trust page and don't forget to book your Cinema tickets with some good films coming up. Alice Mason, who used to live in Ringmore has just recently turned 97 on the 12 Nov this year, and deserves a late Happy Birthday to accompany her Christmas Message on

the front.

Final words, Calling all you young people who last year sang so well at the Carols by Candlelight , time to step out and sing up again. If you are interested in joining in please do get in touch with Adrian and Judy who will be arranging. (810420)

Don't forget your 2013 Ringmore Calendar on sale now from Holywell Stores, James Parkin and Barry Old. Lastly, where would we be without a Joke to Finish ?

**What did Mother Christmas say to Father Christmas when she looked out of the Window on Christmas Eve? " Looks like rain dear ! "**

*( found it in a cracker I hear you say! )* Happy Christmas and New Year , back again in February 2013.

Sally Ness



## MOBILE LIBRARY

**Tuesday 4th and 18th**

Ringmore Church 11.20—11.55



## Rainfall

**November 2012**

10 year average: 105mm  
10 year high: 173mm 2012  
10 year low : 25mm 2004



NOTHING TO REPORT



## 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 – USE IT OR LOSE IT

Fare Car is operated by Ivy Cabs 01752 895555 by formal agreement with the Devon County Council. You need to phone them to book in advance

**To Modbury** £2.80 per single journey : Tuesdays, arrival 09.20, departure 12.30

Saturdays, arrival 11.35, departure 17.40

**To Ivybridge** £3.50 per single journey: Saturdays only, arrival 12.05, departure 17.10

**To Kingsbridge** £2.80 per single journey: Wednesdays, arrival 10.30 and 11.30, departure 12.30 and 13.30. This service is wheelchair accessible. Passengers can travel in an ordinary car seat or in a wheelchair. Anyone can use this service.

## The list of trained First Aiders REMEMBER TO ALWAYS RING 999 FIRST

Sandy Hammond 810572  
Alan Eaves 810648  
Mike Wilson 810211  
Debbie Mercy 811276

Emily & Andi King 811210  
Karen Purdy 810382  
Jane Reynolds 811218



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**DIARY DATES:**

Monday	Short Mat Bowls ,Parish Rm	7.30pm
Tuesday	Table Tennis, Parish Rm.	8.00pm
Tuesday	Art Class Parish Room	10-12.30am
Wednesday	Cameo Coffees Anna's	10.30 -12.00 am
Wednesday	Carol singing @ Barnford	7.30pm
Thursday	Quiz Night, Journeys End	9.00pm

**December**

1	Waste Skip adjacent to the church	9.00—3.00pm
1	W I Christmas Bazaar WI Hall	10.30am
5	RBL Meeting, Dolphin Inn	7.30pm
5	Folk Evening Journey's End	Evening
9	NT Hedge Laying @Smugglers Path	10.00am
15	Church Christmas flowers All Hallows	10.00 am -2.00pm
15	Film Some Like it Hot Parish Rooms	6.45pm for 7.30pm
16	NT Hedge Laying @Smugglers Path	10.00am
16	Candle Lit Carol Service All Hallows	6.00pm
20	Christmas Quiz JE	9.00pm
25	Christmas Day Service All Hallows	10.30am

*Don't Forget Your New Ringmore 2013 calendar*

**January 2013**

12	Jungle Book Parish Rooms	3.30 for 4.15pm
22	Parish Council Meeting, WI Hall	7.00pm

**February 2013**

4	Tear fund Lunch W I Hall	12—2pm
6	RBL Meeting Journey's End	7.30 pm
16	Kind Hearts and Coronets	6.45 pm for 7.30pm

**March 2013**

3	Table Tennis Tournament JE	
4	Tear Fund Lunch W I Hall	12—2pm
6	RBL Meeting Dolphin Inn	7.30pm
19	Parish Council Meeting, WI Hall	7.00pm

**April 2013**

3	RBL Meeting , Journeys End	7.30pm
23	Parish Council Meeting, WI	6.45@7.30pm

**May 2013**

1	RBL Meeting Dolphin Inn	7.30pm
21	Parish Council Meeting, WI Hall	7.00pm

**June 2013**

5	RBL Meeting Journeys End	7.30pm
7	Flower Festival All Hallows & W I	
8	Flower Festival All Hallows & W I	
9	Flower Festival All Hallows & W I	
18	Parish Council Meeting, WI Hall	7.00pm

**Events at Bigbury Memorial Hall**

7 Dec	Wine Tasting with Richard Taylor	
11 Jan	Quiz Night	
9th Feb	The Amazing Mr Smith, guitarist & Comedian	7.30pm

**Church Christmas Flowers**

Calling all flower arrangers- of all ages , do come to the Church on Saturday 15th December to decorate for Christmas. I will be there between 10.00 am and 2.00pm to assist, advise and arrange. I will be bringing refreshments for us all. There will be foliage available and if you have flowers to bring they are all welcome. I am really looking forward to seeing you on the day.

Rosemary ( 810211)

**RINGMORE PARISH ROOM**

**FILM NIGHT**

**Saturday December 15th  
7.30**

**Doors open at 6.45 for a welcome drink  
Admission £5- pay at the door  
Bring your own cushion!**

**SOME LIKE IT HOT**

Jack Lemmon, Tony Curtis and Marilyn Monroe star in this delightful comedy. After witnessing the Valentine's Day massacre in Chicago the two men disguise themselves as women and join an all female band. What follows is an hilarious romp.

**Advance notices**

**SATURDAY JANUARY 12TH  
JUNGLE BOOK**

**Matinee performance  
3.30 for tea and buns-film starts at 4.15**

**Suitable for all children up to the age of 95+**

**Admission Adult s £4 & children £1**

**SATURDAY FEBRUARY 16TH**

**KIND HEARTS  
AND CORONETS**

**Doors open at 6.45 for a welcome drink  
Film starts at 7.30**

A superb comedy starring Alec Guinness and Dennis Price. A distant relative of the Duke of D'Ascoyne plots to kill all the other heirs to the Duke's fortune in the most ingenious ways.

**Admission £5 pay at the door**

# Church Services and thought for the month

## MAKE IT A PROPER CHRISTMAS!

So much to do ... so many things to buy ... we must make it a proper Christmas. Perhaps we should change the name to reflect what happens?

There's **CARDMAS**, with Christmas cards to be bought, written and addressed. Where did I put last year's list? Then there's **GUZZLEMAS**, with its overflowing freezers, rich cake and pudding ("I feel bloated; I couldn't eat another thing"). Linked to it is **BOOZIMAS**, the bottles essential for the Christmas spirit ("We bought the wine cheap on holiday abroad"). How many people will get drunk this year?

Some will enjoy **TELEMAS** – the bitter battle of the audience ratings. No interruptions allowed. But for others, it's **PARTYMAS**, with late nights, loud music and great fun with family (perhaps?) and friends (definitely!).

People will continue to bemoan **GIMMEMAS**, with letters to Santa demanding the latest gadgets ("it only costs £99.99!"), and high hopes for getting something good. They will prefer **CHARITYMAS**, a time to remember the poor and needy.

At the heart of the festivities, even if hidden beneath the tinsel and illuminated Santas, is a birthday, the birthday of Jesus Christ. The baby born in Bethlehem is the Saviour of the world, who offers true life, peace and joy to each of us. As the slogan has it, "Jesus is the reason for the season". How sad it is when people celebrate his birthday, but have nothing to do with him! Let's get ready for **CHRISTmas**, putting Jesus at the centre of our festivities and enjoy all the rest of the fun.



*Invited*

	Bigbury	Kingston	Ringmore
	11.00 am	9.30 am	9.30 am
2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Family Communion	Family Communion	Family Service
9 <sup>th</sup> December	Family Service	Christingle (4.00 pm)	Holy Communion (BCP)
16 <sup>th</sup> December	Carol Service (4.30 pm)	Holy Communion	Carol Service (6.00 pm)
19 <sup>th</sup> December (Wednesday)	Komiloff Communion (2.30 pm)		
20 <sup>th</sup> December (Thursday)		Carol Service (7.00 pm)	
23 <sup>rd</sup> December	Team Family Communion in Aveton Gifford (10.30 am)		
Christmas Eve	Midnight Communion (11.00 pm)		
Christmas Day	Christmas Family Service (10.30 am)	Christmas Family Communion (11.00 am)	Christmas Family Communion (10.30 am)
30 <sup>th</sup> December	➡	➡	Team Family Communion (10.30 am)
6 <sup>th</sup> January	Family Communion	Family Communion	Family Service
13 <sup>th</sup> January	Family Service	Family Service	Family Service
16 <sup>th</sup> January	Komiloff Communion (2.30 pm)		
20 <sup>th</sup> January	Family Service	Holy Communion	Village Service
27 <sup>th</sup> January	Holy Communion (BCP)	Family Service	Family Communion

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](http://www.modburyteam.org)

**RINGMORE PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD  
ON 20 NOVEMBER 2012 IN THE WI HALL AT 7.00 PM**

**MATTERS ARISING**

**47.1 Flooding**

Following 22/12 JD had discussed the issue with the landowner and in 2013 the field would be returned to grass.

**47.2 Notice board at Challaborough**

Following 33.4/12 the notice board had been ordered and would be erected as soon as it was delivered.

**47.3 Benches**

**Borne Bench** Following 24.1/12 the donors had raised no objection.

**Coronation Bench** Following 24.2/12 the bench would be refurbished when weather permitted.

**47.4 Skip Hire**

Following 38/12 the skip had been ordered for Ringmore for 1 December 2013. It was agreed that in 2013 skips would be arranged on two occasions for Ringmore and once for Challaborough. District Cllr Carson suggested that the cost of the skip for Challaborough could be shared with Bigbury Parish Council.

**47.5 Traffic Calming**

It was agreed that No Entry signs were needed at the junction by the bus shelter to prevent traffic entering the road to the right of the shelter. The Clerk was instructed to report this to Devon County Council Highways (DCC).

**47.6 Flooding**

In Challaborough, where an illegal speed bump had been removed and the road repaired, the drainage was now very poor and the road flooded. The Clerk was instructed to report this to DCC.

Following 22/12 the Clerk will also contact DCC to chase them on a previous undertaking to improve the runoff gully at the top of Rectory Lane which the PC see as one of the main prevention measures for excessive runoff in the village of Ringmore.

**48/12 PLANNING APPLICATION DECISIONS BY SOUTH HAMS DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**48.1 40/2284/12/TCA Felling of eucalyptus tree @ Scypen, Ringmore** Approved

**48.2 2207/12/F Erection of a pitched roof on Casanueva** Conditional approval

**49/12 FINANCE**

	£
Bank balances as last meeting	4,998.71
Receipts- DCC re strimmer	<u>669.10</u>
<b>Payments</b>	
Grass cutting	64.00
Clerk	94.10
Noticeboard	574.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>732.10</u></b>
The above payments were approved.	
<b>Thus cash now available</b>	<b><u>4,935.71</u></b>

**50/12 PARISH ROOM**

Cllr Hammond tabled the Parish Room Committee minutes of a meeting held on 15 November 2012 together with a proposal to make an annual grant of £500 towards the upkeep of the Parish Room.

**RESOLUTION** THAT an annual grant of £500 towards the upkeep of the Parish Room be paid to the Parish Room Committee, with the first payment being made in January 2013. **Proposed:** Cllr Jeremy Deverson **Seconded:** Cllr Brian Lambell **Resolution carried unanimously**

**51/12 PRECEPT 2013-14**

The Council needed to consider granting a dispensation to all councillors to consider and set the precept for 2013-4

**RESOLUTION** THAT a dispensation be and is hereby granted to all councilors to consider and set the precept for 2013-4 **Proposed:** Cllr Jeremy Deverson **Seconded:** Cllr Brian Lambell **Resolution carried unanimously**

Cllr Parkin tabled a proposal for a budget for 2013-4 in the sum of £5,650. Cllr Parkin had itemised the various elements of expenditure and explained the reasons for the proposal. Cllr Parkin felt that money

should be spent in tidying the village. The precept for 2012-3 was £3,500 and the sum of £7,574 had been brought forward from 2011-2. Cllr Hammond felt that a more modest budget of £4,000 should be considered with any shortfall against actual expenditure being financed from the reserve brought forward. After some discussion a compromise was proposed by Cllr Deverson:

**RESOLUTION THAT** the precept for 2013-4 be set at £4,500 with any shortfall against actual expenditure being financed from the reserve brought forward from 2011-2.

**Proposed:** Cllr Jeremy Deverson **Seconded:** Cllr Brian Lambell

**Resolution carried by a majority with** Cllr Hammond voting against the resolution.

#### 52/12 PARISH WEBSITE

The meeting debated the merits of developing a website for the parish. It was agreed that a website should not be the responsibility of the parish council and should represent all organizations in the parish. However the council might be able to agree to contribute towards the maintenance of a website. District Cllr Carson suggested that a website could be developed for all the parishes in the Charterland cluster (Aveton Gifford, Bigbury, Kingston and Ringmore). This idea would be put to the next cluster meeting in February 2013.

#### 53/12 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

District Cllr Carson reported on South Hams District Council objections to the Governments proposal to relax planning control of household extensions up to 8 metres.

#### 54/12 ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

**Footpaths** Cllr Deverson reported that he had received a complaint that footpath 4 to Noddenmill was impassable due to boggy conditions.

**RESOLUTION THAT** expenditure of up to £300 be authorised to repair the footpath with stone. Such payment to be drawn from the Parish Paths Partnership reserve of £300.

**Proposed:** Cllr James Parkin **Seconded:** Cllr Brian Lambell **Resolution carried unanimously**

Cllr Jeremy Deverson would obtain quotes and put the work in hand.

#### 55/12 APPOINTMENT OF CLERK

**RESOLUTION THAT** Peter Javes, the clerk designate, be appointed clerk and Responsible Financial Officer with immediate effect

**Proposed:** Cllr Jeremy Deverson **Seconded:** Cllr James Parkin **Resolution carried unanimously**

#### 56/12 CORRESPONDENCE

- The Planning Inspectorate dated 9 November 2013 in respect of footpaths 3, 4 and 5.
- SHDC re Dog Control orders, meeting at Follaton House on 26 November

#### AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

- Jubilee hand print collage to relocation to bus shelter

#### CLOSURE OF MEETING

In closing the meeting Cllr Hammond expressed the parish councils Christmas greetings to all parishioners with best wishes for a healthy and happy New Year.

Next meeting: Tuesday 22 January 2013 at 7.00pm

A full record of the minutes is posted in the notice board on the bus shelter

Now that Stan is home at last, I would like to thank all of you who have made it possible for me to visit Stan every day he was in hospital, as well as the support I have received in so many ways. Our thanks also to Phill and Sally for organising the voluntary transport.

Stan joins me in wishing you all a very happy Christmas and Healthy New Year .

Pam Brunskill.

Not only did Stan found the Newsletter in 1985 and was Editor for 6 years he also has been a Newsletter "delivery boy" for a good many number of years. Once again, we would like to thank him for all that he has given to the community through the Newsletter, it is good news indeed to hear of his home coming. The Editorial Team.

Another former Editor, Emily deserves a congratulations in coming runner up in the "Best Tea Room" category for her café the Lazy Cow in Modbury in the Devon Life food And Drinks Award 2012. well done Emily!



## All Hallows Church, Ringmore



### WISHING YOU PEACE AND JOY AT CHRISTMAS and a HEALTHY 2013 FROM ALL HALLOWS Remembrance Day Service November 11th

There was hardly a spare seat in St. James the Less church in Kingston, where we attended the annual service of Remembrance. Preceding the two minutes silence a list of all the local people who died in the 2 world wars and subsequent conflicts was read out by the Royal British Legion President Brian Stark. We were reminded of the huge numbers who were killed in order that we might have peace. The Remembrance Day Service was led by Michael Tagent and we are grateful to him for taking the service in a sensitive manner, and also very grateful to all those who also took part in different ways. The Service concluded with the laying of Poppy Wreaths at the Memorial

### Candlelit Carol Service, December 16th

This will take place at 6.00pm followed by mince pies and mulled wine and once again it will no doubt be one of the very special highlights in the Ringmore calendar. The choir is practising on Wednesday evenings at 7.30 in the home of Adrian and Judy and it is not too late if you would like to join them. As previous years, we have invited representatives of the many various village organisations to take part in the service by reading out a suitable Christmas reading. Adrian is working on the service layout and will forward the reading to the appropriate people in good time for them to get familiar with it. We are looking for children to sing at the Candlelit Carol Service. We hope they will lead a couple of carols. If you think you might be interested, please contact Adrian & Judy (810420) as soon as possible. Come early to secure your seat!

### Christmas Day Family Communion Service, December 25th

This year we are fortunate to have Michael Hinton taking our service here in Ringmore at 10.30am. So do come along and join us.

### Team Family Communion Service, 30<sup>th</sup> December

Our Team Rector Neil Barker will conduct the Team Service here at All Hallows starting at 10.30am

### Churchyard Clean up

Thanks go to Frank, Drina, John and Ann for assisting in the recent tidy up of the churchyard. Thanks also to Peter and Debbie for cutting down all the sycamore saplings and hedge along the western boundary. One of the biggest problems is disposing of all the generated rubbish from a tidy up but fortunately Jem came to our rescue with providing a trailer to cart it all away, many thanks Jem

### Pulpit Restoration

You may have noticed recently that the pulpit is undergoing restoration. It came to our attention that the floor was in a dangerous condition. Upon investigation it was found that the supporting beams and steps were in a very rotten condition and could have led to the preacher disappearing down a three feet deep hole! Alan McCarthy very kindly volunteered to carry out the restoration work and what a splendid job he has done. Very many thanks Alan. We now require to purchase and fit a suitable carpet for the pulpit. The carpet in front of the lectern is also showing considerable signs of wear and deterioration so will be replaced at the same time along with the tops of the two platforms that are used to bridge the aisle between the pulpit and the lectern. If anyone wishes to contribute towards the cost of carpeting it would be greatly appreciated

### Pledged Giving

We will shortly be distributing the 2013 envelopes to those who give regularly to All Hallows. As well as being convenient for the givers, it is a tremendous help to the church and we can also collect the Gift Aid from tax payers which currently enhances contributions by 25%. (Some people give by standing order, which is even easier to administer.) If you do not receive your envelopes in the near future or wish to start participating in the scheme, then please contact Adrian (810420). Many people, mistakenly believe that their giving disappears into central funds via the "Common Fund" and is wasted on unnecessary administration and hierarchy, but the figures show that the cost of the diminishing number of parish clergy exceeds the total contributions to the "Common Fund". This means the churches are net receivers from the diocese and contribute nothing towards the costs of Bishops, Archdeacons, administration etc. and this is true both for Ringmore and for the Modbury Team as a whole. With the remedial work identified by the Quinquennial Inspection and the reduced income from the Fete (excellent though it was considering the weather) this is a difficult time for All Hallows financially and you might like to consider whether you would like to increase your support or to start giving. Without doubt, however, our first priority is to invite you to come to church, whether or not you can contribute financially.

### Date for your Diary

All Hallows in conjunction with the Ringmore Women's Institute are holding a Flower Festival on 7, 8 and 9th June 2013. Suggestions for a suitable theme name and offers of assistance would be most welcomed.

### Prayer Chain

From time to time, most of us feel the need for prayer (whether or not we go to church). Over the past few months many have felt the need and benefit of the prayer chain. If anyone has a prayer request, they can phone one of the numbers below and give details of the request (as much or as little detail as they wish). That person will then phone the next person on the list and so on - ensuring at least ten people are praying. Details will be kept confidential at all times. Rosemary Wilson 810211, Jenny Williams 810851, Mary Wilson 830280, Gill Tomlin 810028, Sally Errett 810547, Alice Thornton 810284, Judy Bull 810420, Alison Wynne-Powell 810407, Sally Ness 810639, Drina Williams 810405.



Earlier this month we organised a walk in conjunction with the Devon Birds group at their South Milton Ley reserve. In between torrential showers, we were treated to sightings of Grey Wagtail, Teal, Widgeon, Reed Bunting and we heard Cetti's Warbler and Water Rail in the reeds. A big thanks is due to Nick Townsend from Devon Birds for leading the walk and sharing his expertise with the group.

The footpaths around Ayrmer Cove have been very muddy lately. Last week Ranger Lorna Sherriff was ably assisted by our volunteer John Reynolds in clearing a drain to improve the condition of a footpath there. There is a photo of John looking rather muddy on our Facebook page!

As mentioned in last month's newsletter, we have been carrying out our annual round of tree inspections. We have identified several trees that need to be removed for safety reasons, so we will be busy with our chainsaws over the next few months. The importance of the inspections has been brought into sharp relief by recent events, with Ash dieback, *Chalara fraxinea*, threatening to devastate one of our commonest and best-loved native trees. Fortunately we have not so far identified any trees affected by the disease on National Trust land here in South Devon. However as the leaves have mostly now turned, it will be difficult to identify affected trees until late next spring. Anyone concerned should contact the Ranger's Office on 01548 562 344, and the Forestry Commission also has lots of up to date information at [www.forestry.gov.uk/chalara](http://www.forestry.gov.uk/chalara)

We have recruited two new interns, who will be starting with us at the end of November. We look forward to welcoming them and will let you know how they are getting on in the next newsletter.

### **An update from your Local National Trust volunteer John Reynolds -**

The Orchard project is now on hold until next spring, but the Trust have proposed another project which would be to establish a hedge laying group to work along Smugglers Path.

In order to coach volunteers in the skills necessary to enjoy the country craft of hedge laying, Rangers Lorna Sherriff and Marc Hoskins propose to run hedge laying sessions on the path on consecutive Sundays, the 9th and 16th December, starting at around 10.00am and lasting as long as volunteers would want to stay.

The volunteer group who have worked on the Orchard project have been made aware, and it is hoped that more Parishioners will take the opportunity to help to keep our local footpaths in good shape. This is the ideal season for hedge laying, now the leaves have dropped and before nesting starts.

**If you would like to be involved in a project that should be both interesting and rewarding, please let me know on either 811218, or email [jpreynoldssr@gmail.com](mailto:jpreynoldssr@gmail.com) and I will coordinate details for the National Trust.**

Last but not least, everyone in the National Trust Ranger team would like to wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Tom Allan

Countryside Intern To keep up to date with the South Devon ranger team visit our blog at: [www.ntsouthdevoncountryside.co.uk](http://www.ntsouthdevoncountryside.co.uk) Follow us on Twitter: @NTSouthDevon and Facebook: National Trust South Devon Countryside



12 November 2012  Facebook National Trust South Devon Countryside "Volunteer John Reynolds has been working hard with Ranger Lorna Sheriff sorting out drainage on a footpath near Ayrmer Cove – Muddy business!"

## Ringmore WI – November 8<sup>th</sup> 2012



Several visitors joined the WI members to hear Sandy Hammond's excellent talk on 'Local Coastguard Rescue.' Sandy was supported by three out of her twelve strong team plus a vast quantity of equipment which was ably demonstrated by her crew.

The Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) is funded by government, with teams being on call 24/7, controlled from Brixham for the south west. The MCA is not to be confused with the RNLI which is funded by public contribution.

Perry Ness told us of his experience on a coastal walk, in the pouring rain, in a force 9 gale when he got into serious trouble. His personal rescue found this 'a harrowing but humbling experience.' This caused him, after a period of recovery, to volunteer to join the local team.

The team train regularly once a month in first aid, radio communication and search techniques, dependent on the needs of the lost person, also dealing with any ordinance, i.e. flares, found on our beaches. All equipment is checked monthly by both the team and again by the sector manager.

The communication used enables a connection with Sea King helicopters, police and ambulance service, unlike the RNLI.

The officer in charge of any given 'shout' delegates, knowing members' strengths and weaknesses. All members of the team, whether male or female, must undertake all tasks. There is an all female team in Scotland!

There were many amusing anecdotes, especially from Sandy's 'rookie' years and the evening passed all too quickly. The MCA has produced an excellent booklet on the history of HM Coastguard.

The next meeting will be on January 10<sup>th</sup> – 'Canada and Alaska – on holiday with Phill and Sally' and the WI will be delighted to welcome all visitors.

Sixty one shoe boxes were sent on their way from Ringmore last week. Thank you so much to you all who made it possible by so generously giving your time and donations. At a later date I will be able to tell you where they have been sent.

Alison Wynne—Powell.



I would like to thank the WI for their warm welcome - public speaking is not really my thing and you all were so kind making it very much easier! Thank you also for the generous £35 cheque for the British Legion Poppy

Appeal.

Sandy.

### Ringmore Historical Society AGM

At the AGM on November 21<sup>st</sup> the following were elected to the committee:

**Chairman and Treasurer** Michael Tagent    **Secretary** Barry Old

**Committee members:** Pat King, Jane Stevenson, Richard Baker, Mike Wynne-Powell

After the official business, Christopher Piercy gave an interesting and often amusing illustrated talk on the history of the Trojan car. Thank goodness we don't still have solid tyres! He pointed out that when Sir Douglas Hall was Governor in Northern Rhodesia the only car he found that could stand up to the rough terrain was the Trojan. Hence Sir Douglas's founding of the Trojan car club when he returned to the UK.

Di and Dennis Collinson followed by presenting a light hearted quiz which at times severely tested our local knowledge. Between them Di and Dennis have served on the Historical Society Committee for twenty eight years, and they were each presented with a small gift in appreciation. We will miss them at committee meetings, but both intend to remain active Society members.

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**February 20th**

**7.30**

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On behalf of the branch I would like to thank everyone who supported and contributed to yet another successful Poppy Appeal this year. The final figures are not yet in, but we did very well at The Film Night, The Coffee Morning and the door-to-door collections. Finally, God certainly shone down upon us on Remembrance Sunday. The service held at St. James the Less in Kingston was a standing room only event and it was fantastic to see the little church packed to the rafters.

Our next meeting will be held at the Dolphin Inn, Kingston at 19:30hrs Wednesday 5th December, anyone is welcome to attend and we are always looking for new members. If you are interested in joining the Branch, and you do not need to be ex-service to do so, please contact Mark Bolam on 810766.



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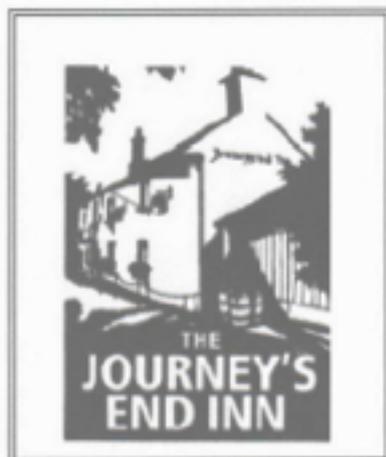
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