

# Ringmore Parish Newsletter

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Edited by Gillian



### Winter Visitor

This photograph was kindly sent in by Bob Wood who captured the Blackcap feeding in his garden, during the very cold spell. It usually spends its time in woodland and parks with plenty of trees and shrubs but, in winter, will come into gardens. Breeding birds arrive in April/ May, leaving in September/October but some winter in the UK. As Bob noticed, they will monopolise feeders and chase other birds away, even the robins!

We also have a Blackcap in our garden and readers may be interested to hear of other sightings. Do let us know.

Gillian

### MAY EVENTS

- 1 RBL Meeting Dolphin Inn 7.30pm
- 6 May Fair, WI Hall, 2.00pm
- 9 WI Annual Meeting, WI Hall
- 21 Parish Annual Meeting, WI Hall 6.45pm  
Parish Council Meeting, WI Hall, 7.30pm
- 25 Skip Ringmore and Challaborough
- 25 Stable Art, Cumberland Cotts, 2.00pm
- 26, 27 Cream Teas, WI Hall 3.15-5.30pm  
(more Diary Dates on page 4)

### SPRING CLEAN - HOUSEHOLD WASTE CONTAINER - SATURDAY 25th MAY

The Ringmore Parish Council has organised a skip to be available to Parishioners for the disposal of unwanted household items and garden waste. The container will be available as follows:

Challaborough 9.00 to 11.00  
Ringmore 11.00 to 16.00

South Hams Containers personnel will be on duty to assist.

A date for your diary!  
**RINGMORE**  
Annual Parish Meeting

Tuesday  
21 May 2013  
in the WI Hall at 7.30pm

Come and hear what's been going on in Ringmore.  
Short reports from all village organisations

All welcome

Sponsored by Ringmore Parish Council.  
If your organisation has not been invited to present a report please contact the Parish Clerk,  
Peter Jones on 959283

### STABLE ART

#### Cumberland Cottages

Doors open (after meteorological set backs) on  
Saturday 25th May at 2.00pm  
Come and have a wee drink and a nibble.



Feel free to make comments, favourable or not. I promise not to listen!

Anna

# Ringmore Church

Near Kingsbridge

## Flower Festival

7<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> June

10.00am - 6.00pm



## Refreshments

*Coffees, light lunches and  
cream teas in the W.I. Hall*

## Festival of Praise

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June at 6.00pm

A joint Church/W.I. event



Ringmore W.I.

**Cream teas  
Home made cakes  
or just a cuppa!**



Ringmore W.I. Hall

**Holiday Sunday & Monday  
26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> May  
from 3.15 to 5.30 pm**

*A yummy treat for all the family!*



Annual Meeting

The W.I. meeting on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May is the Annual Meeting, when we shall approve the accounts, elect the new Committee, and discuss next year's programme.

It will also be the Resolutions Meeting, and this year's resolution for discussion is about the decline of our high streets and town centres, and its damaging effect on local communities.

I hope all members will make a special effort to attend; the meeting will start at 7.30 pm, and cake is on the menu for refreshments!

I look forward to seeing you!

Jackie Tagent, President

RINGMORE W.I.

# May Fair

Enjoy a  
cream tea!

**Bank Holiday Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May  
2 p.m. in the W.I. Hall**

Cakes – plants – bric-a-brac – books – ice creams – raffle  
tombola – face painting – children's crafts  
... and much more!!

*Adults 50p, children 20p*

Books and bric-a-brac: deliver to the Hall on the day  
or contact Jackie for collection (810520)

Contributions for the cake stall and tombola much appreciated

## **DIARY DATES:**

Monday Short Mat Bowls , Parish Rm 7.30pm  
Tuesday Art Class, Parish Rm, 10.30 am  
Table Tennis, Parish Rm, 8.00pm  
Wednesday Cameo Coffee, Anna's, 10.30-12.30  
Friday Thai Buffet, Journey's End  
Sunday Tug of War Practice, Journey's End 4.00pm

### **June**

5 RBL Meeting Journeys End 7.30pm  
7—9 Flower Festival, All Hallows & WI Hall  
9 Festival of Praise, All Hallows 6.00pm  
18 Parish Council Meeting, WI Hall 7.00pm  
29 Fun Run, Challaborough, 3.00pm

### **July**

10 Historical Society Summer Visit  
23 Parish Council Meeting

### **August**

26 Village Fete

### **September**

4<sup>th</sup> RBL Meeting, Dolphin Inn 7.30pm  
29 Harvest Festival, All Hallows  
17 Parish Council Meeting

### **October**

2 RBL Meeting, Journeys End 7.30pm

### **November**

6 RBL Meeting, Dolphin Inn, 7.30pm  
20 RHS AGM  
19 Parish Council Meeting  
30 Christmas Bazaar

### **December**

4 RBL Meeting, Journey's Inn, 7.30pm  
22 Carol Service, All Hallows

### **FOR SALE**

4 x Wedgewood Wall Plates by Chris Howells

*£16.00 each*

2 x Royal Albert Plates, Queen Mother's favourite  
Flowers. Plates are numbered and have a Certificate  
of Provenance.

*£12.00 each*

4 x Royal Albert Plates, Woodland Bird collection  
series.

*£10.00 each*

Please telephone Pauline and Tony on

01548 810622

### **FUN RUN**

This year's FUN RUN is  
having a revamp and is changing it's  
venue,date and time



The run will now start at Challaborough  
on 29<sup>th</sup> June 2013 at 3.00pm, instead of 12.00.  
There is a website up and running and you  
can keep up to date with all the information by  
visiting <http://www.bigburyfunrun.2day.ws/>  
and also check our Facebook page.

The organiser is Lee Wilson, Parkdean Holiday  
Park, Challaborough

The newsletter is now being edited by Sally, Gillian and Lynn in turn, so please ensure you use the Ringmore news email below and not personal email addresses.

If you have any news, views, jokes, interesting articles, recipes, book reviews, or something to celebrate, or share, please send information to : ringmorenews@btconnect.com

Jane 811218, Gillian 810303, Karen 810382, Lynn 810093, or Sally 810639.

#### MOBILE LIBRARY

Tuesday 7th and 21st May  
Ringmore Church 11.20—11.55



NOTHING TO REPORT



#### Rainfall

##### April 2013

Total: 37 mm  
10 year high : 95 mm (2005)  
10 year low : 13 mm (2003)  
10 year Av : 53 mm



#### 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



Please send items for inclusion in the newsletter to  
e-mail: ringmorenews@btconnect.com or  
contact any of the team: Jane 811218, Gillian 810303, Karen 810382, Lynn 810093, Sally 810639

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All Hallows  
Church,  
Ringmore



**Flower Festival - June 7<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup>**

Arrangements for the Flower Festival in conjunction with the Ringmore Women's Institute are in full swing.

Village organisations we invited to produce an arrangement and Rosemary Wilson & Jinny McCabe have been pleased with the response. Coffee, light lunches and teas will be served in the W. I. hall during the Festival.

Offers of help for the event would be appreciated. Due to various circumstances the Gala Concert on the Friday evening has had to be postponed but it is hoped that this can be put on in October as a "Friends of All Hallows" event so please watch this space. The Flower Festival will close with a Festival of Praise service on the Sunday evening at 6 pm.

**Wanted for Flower Festival**

On 2nd June the children are going to plant up shoes, boots etc. to go along the path to the Church. If anyone has any old shoes or footwear of any description that they no longer require, could they please drop them off at the Church. Also required are plants for the plant stall. Thank you.

**Electoral Roll**

The Electoral Roll has now been updated and a copy of those people on the register is pinned up in the church porch. If you wish to be added to the Electoral Roll then please contact Phill on 810547.

**Annual Parochial Council Meeting April 23rd**

This may not sound a great deal of fun, but thanks to the generous hospitality from members of Kingston church, who provided us with excellent wine and nibbles, we had a very good start to the evening. Neil led us through the agenda with his usual relaxed yet expert timing. In some ways this was a historic meeting, since it marked the end of our parish twinning with Kingston; from now on the 2 churches will be independent while still maintaining our fellowship with each other.

We are very grateful to Phill Errett and Judy Bull for being willing to continue as churchwardens, while we look forward to welcoming Ron Williams as treasurer. Other members of the PCC are Adrian Bull, Drina Williams, Christopher and Rosemary Piercy. If you have comments or questions which you would like the PCC to discuss, please do contact one of us.

**Queen's Diamond Jubilee Kneeler**

Following the repair of the Pulpit and purchase and fitting of the new carpet in the surrounding area the PCC have decided it would be a good idea to make a new kneeler for the vicar's lectern to commemorate the Queen's diamond jubilee. This will finalise the refurbishment of this area and the kneeler can also be used for weddings alongside an existing one of a similar size. Judy Bull has organised the design, shape, size and

organised the purchase of the kneeler kit and if anyone would like to help in any way then please contact Judy on 810420

**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.

## CHURCH SERVICES & THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

	Bigbury 11.00 am	Kingston 9.30 am	Ringmore 9.30 am
5 <sup>th</sup> May	Family Communion	Family Communion	Family Service
12 <sup>th</sup> May	Family Service	Family Service	Family Service
15 <sup>th</sup> May	Korniloff Communion (2.30 pm)		
19 <sup>th</sup> May	Family Service	Holy Communion	Village Service
26 <sup>th</sup> May	Holy Communion (BCP)	Family Service	Family Communion

### “Charity begins at home!”

Some people say that the Church should not get involved in politics (though this doesn't work the other way round, as the marriage debate has shown). But Christians have a fundamental duty before God to help the poor and needy, and that inevitably means being concerned about the effect of legislation. You cannot have austerity without cutbacks, which makes it all the more important that those in greatest need are protected. The idea that it should pay to be in work is good, but with 2.52 million unemployed, many will be unable to find paid work and could easily become trapped in increasing poverty if benefits are restricted. Our Christian leaders are quite right to draw attention to the dangers.

Of course, there are many people telling the government what to do, often demanding funds without considering where the money will come from. Christians should be at the forefront of those aware of individuals in need in their community, and seeking quietly to meet those needs. It is good to see churches running foodbanks and giving to Christian missions working to alleviate need; the Salvation Army and (locally) the Shekinah Mission do excellent work.

True faith is not just about going the church. In the Bible, true religion means looking after those orphaned or widowed (for whom there was no state help), and the early Christians were quick to help their brothers and sisters in need.

“Charity begins at home” we are told (a proverb that was around well before Jesus was born!). But does it also end there? In a time of austerity, you have to cut back, and the natural instinct is to try to maintain your own standard of living. What difference will your private giving make, people might ask? The lovely story is told of the little girl seen throwing stranded starfish back into the sea one by one. “There are thousands there, what difference will you make?” someone sneered. She looked up, a starfish in her hand. “It will make a lot of difference to this one”. Let us do what we can, whenever we can, to all we can.



Michael Tagent

*Team Rector: The Revd Neil Barker (830260: contact Team Vicar on Mondays)  
Team Vicar: The Revd Lesley Valiant (550933: contact Team Rector on Fridays)  
Team Readers: Chris Lally (521587), Michael Tagent (810520), Terry Valiant (550933)  
Website: [www.modburyteam.org](http://www.modburyteam.org)*

### Ringmore Calendar 2014

We need photos for the next calendar. They could include local scenes, events, or anything else that you think might be suitable. Could you let us have them by the end of May please, as in order to have calendars on sale for the summer holiday period the printer needs to have the pictures in early June. They can be on disc or usb stick and should ideally be a minimum of 1mb file size.

Thanks

Barry Old and James Parkin

### JOKE FOR MAY

A RABBIT walks into a pub and says to the barman: 'Can I have a pint of beer and a ham-and-cheese toastie, please?'

The barman is amazed, but gives the rabbit a pint of beer and a ham-and-cheese toastie.

The rabbit drinks the beer and eats the toastie. He then leaves.

The following night the rabbit returns and again asks for a pint of beer and a ham-and-cheese toastie. The barman, now intrigued by the rabbit and the extra drinkers in the pub (word got around), gives the rabbit the pint and the toastie. The rabbit consumes them and leaves.

Next night, the pub is packed. In walks the rabbit and says: 'A pint of beer and a ham-and-cheese toastie, please.' The crowd is hushed as the barman gives the rabbit his pint and toastie, then it bursts into applause as the rabbit wolfs them down.

The next night there is standing room only. Coaches have arrived. The barman is making more money in one week than he did all last year.

In walks the rabbit and says: 'A

pint of beer and a ham-and-cheese toastie please, barman.'

The barman says: 'I'm sorry, rabbit, old mate, old mucker, but we are right out of them ham-and-cheese toasties...'

The rabbit looks aghast. The crowd has quietened to almost a whisper, when the barman clears his throat nervously and says: 'We do have a very nice cheese-and-onion toastie.'

The rabbit looks him in the eye and says: 'Are you sure I will like it?' The masses' bated breath is ear-shatteringly silent. The barman, with a roguish smile, says: 'Do you think I would let down one of my best friends? I know you'll love it.'

'OK,' says the rabbit. 'I'll have a pint of beer and a cheese-and-onion toastie.' The pub erupts with glee as the rabbit quaffs the beer and guzzles the toastie. He then waves to the crowd and leaves ... never to return!

A year later, in the now impoverished pub house, the barman (who has served only four drinks tonight — three of which were his own), calls time. As he is

cleaning down the now empty bar, he sees a small white form, floating above it.

'Who are you?' he asks.

'I am the ghost of the rabbit that used to frequent your public house,' comes the reply.

'I remember you,' exclaims the barman. 'You made me famous! You would come in every night and have a pint and a ham-and-cheese toastie. Masses came to see you and this place was famous.'

'Yes, I know,' the rabbit says.

'I remember, on your last night we didn't have any ham-and-cheese toasties so you had a cheese-and-onion one instead,' recalls the barman.

'Yes, you promised me I'd love it,' says the rabbit.

'You never came back,' laments the barman. 'What happened?'

'I died!' the rabbit exclaims.

'No! What from?' asks the barman.

After a short pause, the rabbit replies accusingly: 'Mixin-me-toasties.'

Sent in by Bob Wood

### WELL DONE PARKDEAN , CHALLABOROUGH

The staff of Parkdean Challaborough Bay Holiday Park have recently received an award for outstanding achievement in customer service for 2012.

It was awarded for the high standard of service at Challaborough , measured by customer feedback, favourable comments on questionnaires and booking results.

Many congratulations to the whole team.



## RESIDENTS/RESIDENCES OF THE PARISH OF RINGMORE

Extracted from the memories of Margaret Lock (nee Triggs) and Alice Mason (nee Farley) recorded by Hazel Mackintosh in 1999.

### SEAVIEW



Seaview was owned by The Manor but , in 1915, the Village was being sold up and Margaret's Great Uncle David bought it. He was a carpenter and undertaker. His wife was called Ellen. He rather fancied himself and he always had to clear his throat as he went into Church. They had two daughters: Miriam who married an Olver and they had a daughter, Dorothy, and Maude who married farmer Holman and had 3 sons and a daughter. Miriam's husband died when he was young and she then ran the Post Office from the front room of Seaview.

In 1925 Stan and Lily Triggs bought the house from Maude for £500. Margaret, their daughter, was only a baby at the time. In due course, Margaret was married to Eric Lock and they lived in Seaview. They had a son, Michael, and it was pouring with rain on the day he was born. Margaret and Eric lived in Seaview for the rest of their lives. After Eric died in 1993 one of Margaret's grandsons and his young family came to live with her. Following Margaret's recent death, her grandson and family have moved to Ivybridge and the house is on the market. It is sad that there are no longer any members of the Triggs family living in Ringmore

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### **TWENTY YEARS AGO**

Guy Eddy, as Chairman of the Parish Council, wrote a note about the AGM. He mentioned Simon Day, County Councillor, since then knighted and quoting the 12th April 2013 Ivybridge and South Brent Gazette, " ...a former County Council Leader who has held the ward covering Modbury for 47 years, will not be fighting for his seat this time around...."

The Inter- Parish Quiz team, lost a three cornered semi final in the Plate Competition, ( history has a knack of repeating itself ten years later! )

Ringmore Historical Society planned a picnic lunch followed by a visit to Exeter Cathedral.

There was a plea from Jim Freeman to " Keep Ringmore Tidy " .

### **TEN YEARS AGO**

Andrew and Sarah from Well Cottage were married on the 17th May, warnings were issued about the firework display, (Congratulations on your anniversary the pair of you, )

The WI were entertained on a talk about Sundials.

The Millenium clock had been ordered with hope for a Whitsun completion.

Ten candidates stood for seven seats for the election of the Parish Council. As at 2003 the Parish Council for the following 4 years was , Rob Batten, Geof Dykes, Colin Jackson, Alan McCarthy, Thelma Mann, Gillian Parkin, and Jacqueline Patterson.

Ringmore lost in a keenly fought battle to Brixton in the semi final of the Inter- Parish Quiz

## RINGMORE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON 19 APRIL 2013  
IN THE W.I. HALL, RINGMORE AT 7.00 PM

50/13 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

51/13 **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

**RESOLUTION**

THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 19 March 2013 be accepted as a correct record.

Proposed: Cllr James Parkin Seconded: Cllr Brian Lambell

Resolution carried unanimously.

The minutes were signed by the Chairman.

52/13 **MATTERS ARISING**

**Traffic Calming**

Deferred to next meeting.

53/13 **FINANCE**

The meeting noted the draft financial statement and the summary of receipts and payments for the year ended 31 March 2013 previously circulated by the Clerk.

Bank balances as at 19 April 2013	£
Includes PPP grant of £3,500 but excludes SHDC precept not yet received	8,140.55
<b>Payments</b>	
Clerk	80.02
Brian Lambell re PPP	50.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>130.02</u></b>
The above payments were approved.	
<b>Thus cash now available</b>	<b><u>8,010.53</u></b>

54/13 **PARISH PATHS PARTNERSHIP**

The DCC grant of £3,500 had been paid for footpath funding. The work on Footpath no. 9 had been completed (see minute 23.2).

It was agreed to seek a contractor to carry out the remainder of the PPP work. JP  
The Ringmore Newsletter would be used to invite expressions of interest from contractors in the parish.

55/13 **PARISH ANNUAL MEETING**

Invitations to speak at the APM would be sent to the following organisations:-

- Police
- Church
- Royal British Legion
- Ringmore Historical society
- Women's Institute
- Parish Room Committee
- Table Tennis
- Short Mat Bowls
- Parkdean
- National Trust

56/13 **COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

WM reported that the highways works requested by the Council in Ringmore had not been forgotten. An idea for chevron signs by the church to improve road safety would be discussed with the Highways engineer. The road markings by the bus stop would be repainted.

Flooding survey work had been undertaken by a contractor for DCC as co-ordinator of the agencies of South West Water, SHDC and the Environment Agency.

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WM explained that pot holes could be reported most efficiently via the CTC website:- <http://www.fillthathole.org.uk/hazards/report>

It was noted that WM would be standing for re-election in the forthcoming election.

Following correspondence about responsibility for highway verge cutting it was noted that no roads in the parish had verges that qualified for cutting.

### 57/13 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

BC explained SHDC's forthcoming consultation on the closure of under-used public toilets in winter in order to save money in the precept year 2014-5. The meeting discussed the situation concerning the public toilets at Challaborough. Councillors felt that before commenting they should be advised of the cost of keeping these toilets open throughout the winter. This would be taken up once the formal consultation document had been received.

Following 43/13 concerning the proposed reduction in the number of district councillors the Chairman expressed his concerns at the effect of the reduction and his wish to write a letter setting out his concerns.

### RESOLUTION

**THAT** the Council endorse the Chairman's view and be party to the letter.

**Proposed:** Cllr Mike Hammond **Seconded:** Cllr Jeremy Deverson  
**Resolution carried three in favour with one against.**

### 58/13 CLERK'S JOB DESCRIPTION AND CONTRACT OF EMPLOYMENT

Following 44/13 The Chairman reported that this had been resolved and the contract signed.

### 59/13 SKIP PROGRAMME

JR had negotiated for the skip to be in the parish in May, the details would be announced in the Ringmore Newsletter.

### 60/13 LOCAL PRIORITIES

The meeting noted a communication from SHDC concerning the setting of local priorities which had identified the following a priorities for action:-

- Community Life
- Economy
- Environment
- Homes

The meeting had no comment on SHDC's proposals.

### 61/13 CORRESPONDENCE

61.1 A complaint had been received from the Journeys End about the use of the skip in the pub car park and the use of the pub's private car park by those not patrons of the pub. The Council was sympathetic to the complaint and would urge people to respect the fact that the car park was for the use of people visiting the pub.

61.2 Aon re insurance renewal

61.3 Grant Thornton re annual audit

61.4 Ken Abraham re internal audit

Next meeting: Tuesday 21 May 2013 at 6.45 pm followed by the Annual Parish Meeting at 7.30

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Recent grants secured by the Parish Council for path and bank improvements mean that, in addition to the usual volunteer work, there is a limited opportunity for paid labour (on a self-employed basis). The Parish Council would like to encourage anyone in the Parish who would be interested to contact John Reynolds (811218) or Jem Deverson (810615)

### Ringmore Historical Society Meeting 17<sup>th</sup> April 2013

A very successful meeting of members and visitors viewed previously unseen photographs of people and places in Ringmore. These had recently come into the society's possession from residents and ex – residents of the village.

Do any of you, your family or friends know about:-

The 7 bombs that were dropped in Noddon Valley?

The Pawnbroker at the Journey's End in 1955?

The history of the newly planted Orchard?

The shooting down of the Barrage Balloon?

The manning of the Searchlight at Marwell?

The history of the house you live in?

The history of Electricity in Ringmore?

Challaborough – its pier and trading/fishing boats

The society needs your help to record the living memories of villagers, friends and their relatives past and present. If you have photographs locked in the attic, they could be very useful. This record will be the history of the future and needs to be collected before it vanishes forever. It can be part of your legacy to the village.

Members and friends of the society have been asked to undertake a small investigation into any item of village or personal history that appeals to them. Any of these micro projects which need further investigation can then be pursued in the future.

Long term residents of the village will know a lot of the history from tales told to them by their family. Shorter term residents can help to record this and all can investigate further using resources such as:-

Devon Rural Archive- Modbury  
Cookworthy Museum  
Plymouth or Exeter Museum  
Church records  
Kingsbridge Gazette Archives  
Land Registry  
The internet  
Newsletter Archive

Any contribution, however small would be invaluable for future generations as a record of life in Ringmore.

Richard Baker and Mike Wynne- Powell on behalf of Ringmore Historical Society

#### **RUBBLE REQUEST**

Thank you very much for the response so far. Most of the holes have been filled in but a few remain. Please continue to bring any bags of stones to fill in those left especially those at the top of the path by the fields. Again, thank you

Colin Eddy

## Bigbury, Ringmore & Kingston Branch – 2310

### Royal British Legion



The Royal British Legion has announced the next stage of plans to implement the biggest organisational change in its 91 year history, with the aim of improving ease of access and delivery of support to its Armed Forces family of beneficiaries.

An earlier first phase, which saw internal structural changes, has been successfully completed. Over the coming months, the Legion will introduce new and improved methods for members of the Armed Forces community to contact the charity and access the support they need.

The changes will see the introduction of a UK-based central contact centre for phone enquiries offering initial support and guidance, an expansion of current online services, and greater access to face-to-face assistance through a new High Street presence improving access in the communities where beneficiaries live and work.

The Royal British Legion's Director General Dr Chris Simpkins said:

"Pathway for Growth is about improving and increasing our services, our profile in communities, the way in which we deliver services and increasing ways in which our beneficiaries can access us for help. The world around us is changing and the Legion must change too.

"Investing in improving our efficiency and the outcomes we deliver for our beneficiaries is long overdue." The Pathway for Growth programme will enable the Legion to achieve its mission and meet the rapidly changing needs of its beneficiaries in challenging times.

Service personnel returning from conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan will be dealing with the trauma and impact of war for years to come, and those who are medically discharged will need specialist care and support. Service leavers are embarking on civilian adult life in the most difficult economic times in recent history and the WWII generation's need for support is currently at its peak. Defence cuts will mean a further reduction in the numbers of regular Serving personnel and a significant increase in reservists.

By introducing these three new 'contact points,' the Legion will be easier to find and more accessible; providing practical support, information and advice when people need it most.

The 100 Club Winners April		May	
24	Madelaine Capps	3	Anne Lambell
25	Barry Keel	86	Rosemary Piercy

The next Branch meeting will take place at the Journey's End, Ringmore at 19:30hrs on Wednesday 5th June. As always, anyone is welcome to attend.

Mark Bolam (Branch Secretary), Bigbury, Ringmore & Kingston Branch, Royal British Legion tel: 810766

## DEVON COUNTY COUNCIL—PREPARE FOR AN EMERGENCY

### CLEAR Advantages to being prepared for an emergency

A new video and leaflet to help people prepare for an emergency is being launched this week as part of a campaign by the Devon, Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Local Resilience Forum (LRF). The LRF are encouraging people to take a few simple steps to ensure they are better prepared should an emergency occur.

Both the video and the leaflet encourage you to stay safe and have a CLEAR plan by following five easy steps:

- Check the radio, television, social media or internet for weather warnings and news that might warn you that an emergency situation is likely to occur.
- Keep a List of important numbers and details (like insurance policy numbers and prescriptions) to hand.
- Have an Emergency Bag prepared with items that would help you
- Know how and when to Act, should the worst happen,
- This will all help you to Recover better once the emergency has passed.

The video can be viewed online at <http://bit.ly/LRFclr13>

Cont.....

The affects of the recent floods have reminded us all of the benefits that taking a few simple steps in advance can have, like keeping important documents in a box up off of the floor, and the leaflet includes more helpful advice along these lines. But the campaign is not limited to helping those who could be affected by flooding. The advice applies to a variety of emergency situations that could cause people to either be confined to their homes or kept out of them for a number of days.

The campaign is being supported with a competition for anyone living in Devon, Cornwall or the Isles of Scilly under the age of 18. Based on the steps in the leaflet and video they are being asked to share their ideas on how to encourage people to prepare for an emergency using photographs or short films. Schools throughout the counties are being written to about the competition and details on how to enter are available on the LRF website along with the prizes. Please encourage schools or youth groups in your parish to get involved.

The LRF brings together experts from the Emergency Services, Local Government and the Health Services, amongst others, to ensure plans are in place to respond to major emergencies, to save lives, contain danger, protect the public and to minimise the effects so we can all return to normality as soon as possible. This campaign reflects the role we all have as individuals to ensure we are as prepared as we can be for an emergency.

For more information on this campaign or the work of the LRF please don't hesitate to contact me. I would also be interested to hear any feedback from your members on the leaflet and video and about anything you do to promote emergency preparedness in your community.

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**National  
Trust**

Hello from the National Trust South Devon Ranger team.

On Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> April the South West Coast Path Association, along with the South Devon National Trust Ranger team hosted two sponsored walks for the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the South West Coast Path. The money raised will help with improvement works on the paths. Thursdays

walk covered thirteen miles from Salcombe to Bantham, whilst Fridays walk started in Bigbury and finished in Noss Mayo, with the ramblers walking approximately 17 miles. A huge thank you to all the walkers that came out (plus dogs!) to support the campaign, and the local businesses that offered refreshments or pledged support. The improvement work will be carried out in June this year.

Some of you may remember our campaign '50 things to do before you're 11 ¾' which was launched last year. This year the campaign has been released again with a new and adapted list of things to do before you are twelve. To celebrate the campaign there will be two free events during bank holiday weekend. The Rangers, along with Devon Wildlife Trust and the Blue Sound Project are holding one event at Wembury Beach on May 4<sup>th</sup>. The event will start at 4 o'clock and include fun activities including snorkeling, rock pooling, mini raft racing and Beach BBQ. So come along to join in the fun and bring your own food to cook on the BBQ. The team are also holding an event at East Soar

Outdoor experience, Malborough for the campaign. This event will start at 12 o'clock and finish at five o'clock, with other fun activities including a barefoot walking trail, campfire cooking, bug hunts and pond dipping. Tea/coffee and cake are available at the walkers café throughout the day. Both of these events will be a great fun day out for all of the family.

Our new Practical Intern Rebecca is settling in well, she has been helping our countryside Ranger Marc most days with a range of practical tasks. Rebecca studied Geology at university and has decided she would like to pursue a career in conservation, and would like to increase her knowledge and skills in practical countryside management.

Hollie Ferris  
Community Ranger Intern



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Most of us know that the 2012 Olympics entailed the biggest police operation ever mounted in the UK; not all of us have had the opportunity to hear first hand from one of the people actively involved in protecting the competitors. Stephen Mullen of the Devon and Cornwall Constabulary was one of 500 policemen guarding the events at Weymouth and Portland and he gave us a fascinating insight into the complexity of the proceedings.

43 vessels from many different organisations such as the police, the Navy and even the Border Agency were used to man 85 miles of coastline; they were organised into distinct lines of defence in case any intrusive boat tried to break through the cordon. Any interloper would meet first of all launches filled with volunteers who would ask them to turn back; if they refused the next obstacle would be the police, who with members of the Navy were waiting in RIBs; next came the Marines in landing craft, and the final deterrent would be a helicopter carrying a crew licensed to fire its weapons if need be. As it happened only one person tried to break through – an ex Olympic competitor who decided that he wanted to be part of the action!

After the Olympics came the Paralympics; Stephen was saddened that most of the journalists did not bother to stay for an event that provided outstanding examples of courage and ingenuity. One sailor had no body movement at all, and controlled his boat by means of a blowpipe; many of the helmsmen had to rely on a crew who might be blind but able to handle the sails

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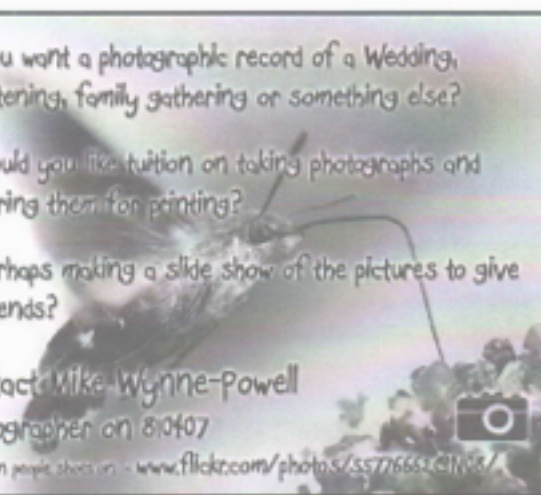
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