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THE POWER OF POETRY

Ringmore Parish Newsletter

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A Riddle

I'm cold when I'm off and hot when I'm on
 I race around all day
 I live in a garage with yellow hay
 Rolling, storming, crashing, smashing
 I'm very high up
 I can go anywhere
 I paddle through the oceans
 I swim through the seas
 I'm very adventurous
 I have lots of strength
 I have a big tank
 But not worth the bank
 I can conquer land every day
 Fast, furious
 Speedy, shiny
 Clunky, cranky, fiery
 Land Rover!

Samuel Autherson -Ness (9)

The Goldfish

I am bright with colours shining gold,
 But in winter I get very cold.

I have round and dark black eyes,
 And for a treat I eat barnacle pies.

I have got a tail like a deformed monkey,
 But I think it is rather funky.

I used to live in an enormous shoal,
 But now I'm stuck in a large glass bowl.

I have only one friend who loves this bowl
 I'm telling you now,
 And he knows an escape but I don't know how.

People eat other kinds of me, they fry them in a metal dish,
 Now I will reveal myself, I am a goldfish.

Ollie Barrett (9)

The Flower

I start as a small seed .
 With gentle hands, I am planted and given, that's all I need,
 Then with a little magic.

A wisp of the golden sun,
 A cry of the wild fun.

I shoot up! I see the blazing beauty of my family,
 I hear nature's band and full throttle life all in hand.
 But now life seems slow as I grow with a tiny flow.
 I sleep during the quiet, dark, gloomy night.
 Then I see several birds dancing in mid fright.

I grow taller to the light.
 I look down at myself, I see sensational colours, iridescent, so bright!
 I have wonders of power .
 I lay next to the flowers.

Hebe Deverson (10)

The Grizzly Bear

Jagged jaws that snap,
 Crushing claws that are as deadly as sharp knives,
 Quick as a hawk in full flap ,
 Watch out fish, don't take a nap!
 Slash, he eats them in a flash.
 Signals his mates like a flare.
 Looks friendly because of his fluffy hair,
 But watch out, he's a grizzly bear !

Noah Capps (10)



Congratulations to **Samuel, Hebe, Noah and Ollie (Aveton Gifford CE Primary School)** who amongst others have had their poems published in The Power of Poetry—The South West edited by Donna Samworth.

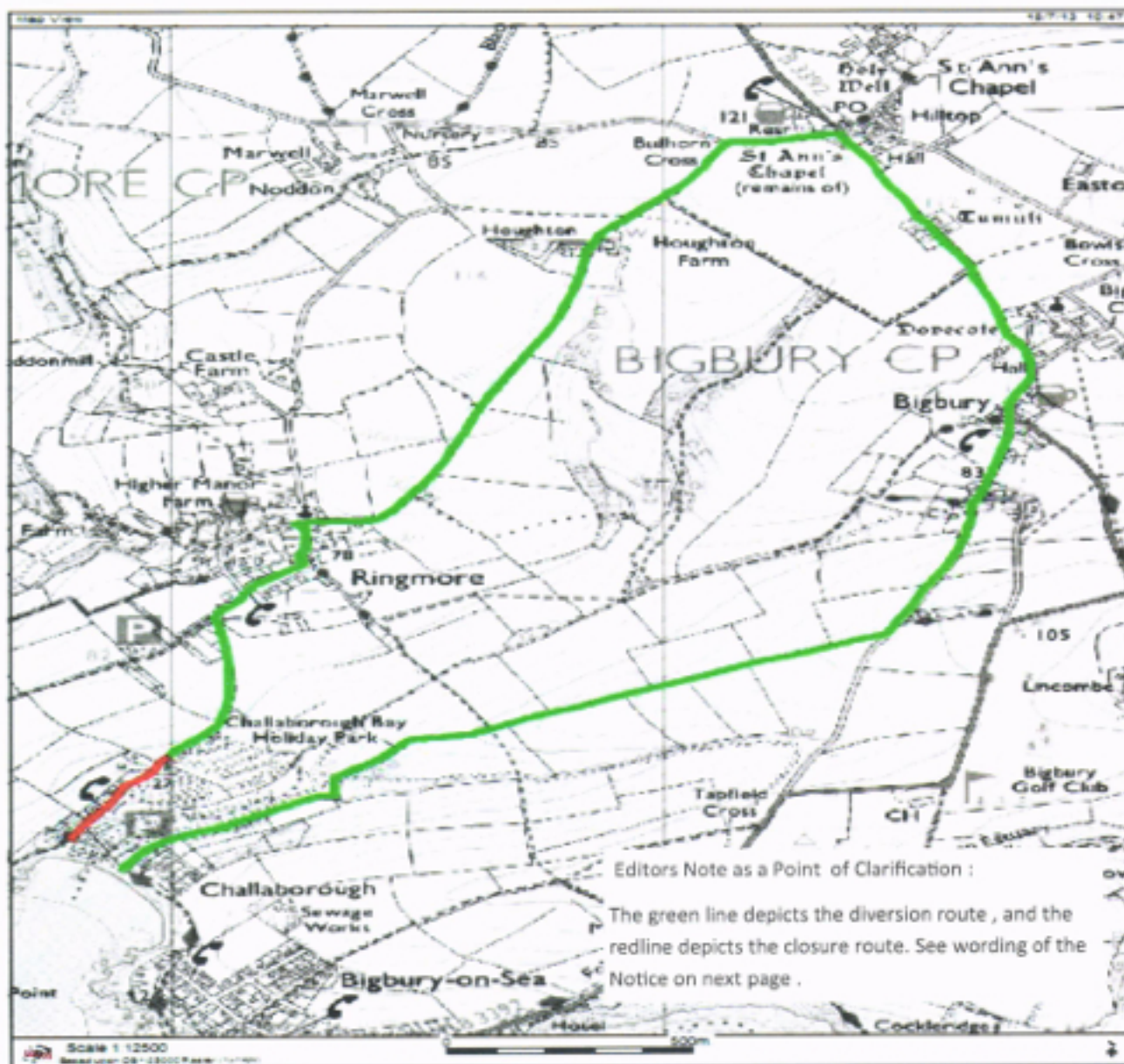
Ringmore Church Annual Fete 2.30 pm Bank Holiday Monday 26th August 2013

Any contributions of suitable items you have for any of the numerous stall listed below would be very gratefully appreciated.

Cakes, Produce, Bric a brac, Tombola, Books , Raffle, Costume Jewellery, Crockery Smashing, Wine Bottle Game

Assistance with vehicles /trailers for collecting items from the Parish room and WI Hall , and preparing for the event with setting up the day before, on the day would also be greatly appreciated.

MANY THANKS IN ANTICIPATION Tracy at the Journeys End 810205 and Andi King 811210 .



ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

SECTION 14

THE COUNTY OF DEVON (TEMPORARY RESTRICTION) (ROAD FROM BIGBURY BAY HOLIDAY PARK TO MARWYNNE HOUSE, CHALLABOROUGH) ORDER 2013

TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC

NOTICE is hereby given that Devon County Council has made the above titled order.

From **TUESDAY 1 OCTOBER 2013**
for a maximum of 18 months

Anticipated Finish **THURSDAY 3 OCTOBER 2013**

No person shall cause or permit any vehicle to proceed on the sections of Affected Roads except for access to land or premises on or adjacent to those lengths of roads.

Roads affected -

ROAD FROM BIGBURY BAY HOLIDAY PARK TO MARWYNNE HOUSE, CHALLABOROUGH, OUTSIDE PEREGRINE COTTAGE TO OUTSIDE MARWYNNE

The alternative, signed, route for vehicles will be via - **ROAD ALONG CHALLABOROUGH SEA FRONT - ROAD FROM BOWLING GREEN CROSS TO CHALLABOROUGH SEA FRONT - ROAD FROM BIGBURY GREEN CROSS TO BOWLING GREEN CROSS - CHAPEL CROSS TO ZC249 AT BIGBURY - BULLHORN CROSS TO CHAPEL CROSS - BULLHORN CROSS TO RINGMORE - ROAD FROM ALL HALLOWES CHURCH TO BIGBURY BAY HOLIDAY PARK AND VICE VERSA**

This temporary restriction is considered necessary to enable -
MAKE TEMPORARY REINSTATEMENT PERMANENT

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Dated: TUESDAY 24 SEPTEMBER 2013

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August's Newsletter has been edited by Sally this month, the deadline for August's issue is The 23 August 2013. Email ringmorenews@btconnect.com
 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
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MOBILE LIBRARY

Tuesday August 13th and 27th

Ringmore Church 11.20—11.55
 And if you miss August, Sept's dates are 10th and 24th!



See article elsewhere in the Newsletter



Rainfall

June 2013

July 2013

Total	: 53 mm	Total	: 14 mm
10 year high	: 116 mm	10 year high	: 152 mm
10 year low	: 28 mm	10 year low	: 14 mm
Average	: 70 mm	Average	: 73 mm



FRIDAY BUS SERVICE

Departs Challaborough 09.47/Ringmore 09.55—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.

Ringmore Parish First Aid Responder

In an Emergency First Call 999 then call any of us

Lizzie Andrews 01548 810615
 Sandy Hammond 01548 810572
 Andi King 01548 811210
 Emily Bohnet 01548 811210

Mike Wilson 01548 810211
 Alan Eaves 01548 810648
 Karen Purdy 01548 810382
 Jane Reynolds 01548 811218
 Debbie Mercy 01548 811276



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DIARY DATES:

Tuesday Art Class, Parish Rm, 10.30 am
Table Tennis, Parish Rm, 8.00pm

Friday Thai Buffet, Journey's End

Sunday Tug of War Practice, Journey's End 4.00pm

Sunday Cream teas at the WI all summer till 1st Sept . 3.15 –5.30 pm

Cameo Coffees now finished starts again September - **Any one for a cream tea instead?**

August

15 WI Charity Meal, WI Hall

26 Village Fete

September

4th RBL Meeting, Dolphin Inn 7.30pm

29 Harvest Festival, All Hallows

17 Parish Council Meeting

October

2 RBL Meeting, Journeys End 7.30pm

7 Short Mat Bowls re-commences

16 RBL Film Show Bigbury Mem. Hall 6.45 for 7.30

November

1 RBL Auction JE Inn 8.00 pm

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

Bigbury Memorial Hall Dates

Jill's last fitness classes before the summer break will be on Thursday 11th July. Probable restart date for the classes will be on Monday 9th September.

Saturday 7th September: Bigbury Produce Show.

50:100 Club (Promoted by Dane Vanstone). Tickets (£1) are on sale from Holywell Stores, Bigbury Village Shop and Bigbury-on-Sea Post Office. Buy now for your chance to win our last draw this summer in early July. 50% of the money goes in prizes and 50% to the Memorial Hall. Lucky winners for June were Cathy Heath (£25) and Sheila Mead (£15).

Ringmore W.I.

Charity Meal

Thursday 15th August

6.30 pm

W.I. Hall and garden

in aid of

Kingsbridge Food Bank and the Alzheimer's Society

Tickets £8

for a 2-course meal (*vegetarian option*)

and including a glass of wine

from

Sally Errett (810547), Jackie Tagent (810520) and Holywell Stores

Book now: there are only a limited number of tickets!

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INSPIRING WOMEN

RINGMORE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON 23 JULY 2013 IN THE W.I. HALL, RINGMORE AT 7.00 PM

Present	Cllr Mike Hammond	MH	Chairman
	Cllr Jeremy Deverson	JD	
	Cllr Sarah Hitchmough	SH	
	Cllr Brian Lambell	BL	
	Cllr James Parkin	JP	
	Cllr John Reynolds	JR	
In attendance	Peter Javes	PJ	Clerk
Apologies	County Cllr William Mumford	WM	
	District Cllr Bryan Carson	BC	

Members of the public present: 2

The Chairman opened the meeting by offering congratulations to the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge on the birth of their son.

87/13 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

88/13 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLUTION THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 18 June 2013 be accepted as a correct record.

Proposed: Cllr Brian Lambell **Seconded:** Cllr James Parkin

Resolution carried unanimously.

The minutes were signed by the Chairman.

89/13 MATTERS ARISING

Traffic Calming

JEM tabled a photograph of the proposed inset cobbles to be installed between the bus shelter and the Church. It was hoped to prepare a photo-montage of the cobbles *in situ* and publicise around the parish. JEM would cost the scheme and propose a way of ascertaining general approval within the parish.

JEM

90/13 PLANNING

90.1 40/1704/13/F Rock Cottage – Ringmore, Convert into two dwellings

Councillors adjourned the meeting to visit Rock Cottage, principally to examine the proposed parking arrangements. It was noted that Rock Cottage lies within the Conservation Area of Ringmore. The parish puts a high value on the visual amenity of the rock which contributes to the unique street scene.

RESOLUTION THAT an objection be lodged with SHDC on the grounds that the additional parking will adversely affect the street scene and the unique feature of the rock.

Proposed: Cllr Jeremy Deverson **Seconded:** Cllr John Reynolds

Resolution carried unanimously

The Clerk was instructed to relay this decision to SHDC.

90.2 40/1511/13/F 3 Coastguard Cottages, Challaborough 2 storey extension

RESOLUTION THAT no objection to the application be lodged with SHDC

Proposed: Cllr Sarah Hitchmough **Seconded:** Cllr Jeremy Deverson

Resolution carried unanimously

The Clerk was instructed to relay this decision to SHDC.

90.3 Planning Liaison with SHDC

The Clerk had circulated a draft agreement for participating parish councils to enter into a service level agreement with SHDC over planning enforcement. Following discussion there was no enthusiasm to enter into the agreement.

91/13 FINANCE

Bank balances as at 23 July 2013	£
	9,347.30
Payments	
HMRC re clerk's income tax	55.40
Ringmore Flower Festival	30.00
John Reid –grass cutting	64.00
M Wilson – refurbish Coronation bench	25.00

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Peter Javes – administration	93.87
TOTAL	<u>268.27</u>
The above payments were approved.	
Thus cash now available	<u>9,079.03</u>

92/13 CLERK'S REMUNERATION

MH reported that there was a national agreement to offer parish clerks a 1% increment with effect from 1 April 2013

RESOLUTION THAT the increment be implemented

Proposed: Cllr Mike Hammond **Seconded:** Cllr John Reynolds

Resolution carried unanimously

93/13 PARISH PATHS PARTNERSHIP

The meeting noted JR's e-mailed report on the schedule of works to footpaths in the parish:

Footpath no. 4: to be repaired later in the year

Footpath no. 9 at Lower Manor Farm- completed

Footpath no. 13 at Cackle Lane – scheme to widen – volunteer help needed.

The proposal for new stepping stones was accepted if it could be ensured that they would be suitable for all ages.

Footpath no. 10 -Ayrmer Lane west – to be done in Summer 2013

Ayrmer Lane north - fencing completed, awaiting digger to improve path.

MH congratulated JR on his work on footpaths which was much appreciated.

JR

94/13 ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**94.1 Collapsing wall**

The collapsing wall bounding Kachelo had been reported to Building Control at SHDC. BL would make enquiries to see if an agent was managing Kachelo. If this could be established a letter would be sent asking for the wall and overgrown foliage to be dealt with, otherwise the work would be put in hand and costs recovered from the owners.

94.2 Town Well

The Clerk would investigate the boundary of the land known as Town Well.

It was noted that foliage was now obscuring the view from the Coronation bench.

Clerk

94.3 Bottle Bank in Journey's End Car Park

It was noted that the bottle bank had been full and not emptied promptly. In such event in future it should be sufficient to telephone SHDC – 01803 861234.

95/13 MEETINGS ATTENDED BY COUNCILLORS AND CLERK

Charterland Parish Cluster meeting

Clerk, DALC clerks' meeting

96/13 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**96.1 All Hallows Church Flower Festival**

The PC had sent a letter of congratulations to the organisers.

96.2 New SHDC Website

The new SHDC website was noted and posters would be displayed in the parish.

97/13 FOR DISCUSSION AT NEXT MEETING

Defibrillator for Challaborough

Meeting closed at 8.50pm

Next meeting: Tuesday 17 September 2013 at 7.00 pm



Jackie Tagent welcomed members and several visitors and introduced Mike Rendell, historian and author of the book 'Diary of a Georgian Gentleman', who was the guest speaker at the Ringmore W.I. July meeting.

By his own admission an inveterate hoarder, Mr. Rendell has in his possession documents, diaries and memorabilia from his great-great-great-great grandfather, Richard Hall, who lived from 1729 – 1801, and an assortment of these was shared with his eager audience.

The theme, 'Entertainment in the Georgian Era', covered a wide range of subjects, from public hangings (highly popular) to nude sea-bathing (not always so popular!) with descriptions from the beginnings of cricket at Lords and the theatre of the 18th century, to the more modern-sounding coffee shops and shopping.

With a screen show of pictures and documents to illustrate the talk, Mr. Rendell delighted his audience and on a warm summer night there was much amusement when it was pointed out that in the 18th century Mr. Rendell's ancestor Richard Hall took a bath once every two months – whether he needed it or not!

Our August meeting is on Thursday 15th at 6.30 pm, and will be our summer Charity Meal held in the garden of the W.I. Hall. All the profits will be shared between Kingsbridge Food Bank and the Alzheimer's Society. Tickets are available (limited numbers!) from Jackie (810520), Sally (810547) and Holywell Stores at St Ann's Chapel.

Help for homeowners, landlords and park home owners from South Hams District Council!

South Hams District Council, in partnership with not-for-profit organisation Wessex Home Improvement Loans, may be able to provide homeowners, park home owners and landlords with subsidised finance to carry out essential repair works to their homes. Works are assessed by the council and include boiler repair, replacement or heating installation, damp repair, structural works including roof/thatch repair, electrical and plumbing works, rotten windows replacement, or upgrades to bathrooms and kitchens over 15 years old and in need of repair. Eligibility is wide to include people who own their own homes who may have savings and/or an income but who wouldn't be able to afford repairs or access finance elsewhere. Call South Hams District Council on 01803 861234 for more information or visit www.wrcic.org.uk.

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

Ringmore W.I. Hall

*Every Sunday from
21st July to 1st September
3.15 to 5.30 p.m.*

A treat for the whole family

Church Services and *thought for the month*

	Bigbury 11.00 am	Kingston 9.30 am	Ringmore 9.30 am
4 th August	Family Communion	Family Communion	Family Service
11 th August	Family Service	Family Service	Family Service
18 th August	Morning Prayer	Holy Communion	Village Service
21 st August	Korniloff Communion (2.30 pm)		
25 th August	Holy Communion (BCP)	Evensong (6 pm)	Family Communion

Jesus every day

I was in a shop the other day talking about Jesus to the man behind the counter. Someone from church came in, overheard, and said, 'steady on, it's not Sunday you know?' WRONG! For a Christian EVERY day is Sunday. Every day is a day to talk and think about Jesus. In Matthew 28 Jesus said, '*therefore go and make disciples of all nations*'. No mention of only on Sundays.

As Christians we are commanded to take the good news of Jesus out to our communities, through both words and actions. This means us, the wo/man in the pew, not the clergy. The days of the clergy doing everything and the congregation just turning up for an hour once a week, are way behind us. It is up to the practicing, believing, committed Christians in our churches to spend time in prayer finding out what God wants of us and what our communities need. And then – going out and doing it.

Yes, we are going to get it wrong occasionally. Yes, we are going to upset people occasionally. But we have to try. We have to take that step of faith. Doing something and getting it wrong is far better than doing nothing.

In your church, your village, your community; where does the need lie? Children, the elderly, the lonely, single parents, the farming community? In too many churches the question is 'how do we get people to come to church?' The correct question is, 'how do we take Christ out to the community?' If they subsequently come to church, that is a bonus. Church is for believers, we cannot expect non-church families to turn up on Sunday. Once again, those days are way behind us.

It's up to us, as Christ's hands and feet in our communities, to take God's love and care to those who need it. If we are brave enough to do that, then maybe, in the future, our churches will be full of believers.

God bless,

Terry Valiant

*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*

Ringmore Church

Near Kingsbridge

Annual Fete

Monday 26th August

2.30pm

Fun for all the Family

Live music with Mint Julip
South Hams Birds of Prey
World Famous Egg Throwing
Many Stalls & Games
Entrance £1 Children Free

All Hallows Church, Ringmore



Church Fete – Monday 26th August

Tracy has taken on the onerous task this year for organising this event and arrangements are in full swing. Any help that you can give Tracy though would be most welcome. Contributions of suitable items you may have for any of the following stalls would be very gratefully appreciated - Cakes, Produce, Bric-a-Brac, Tombola, Books, Raffle, Costume Jewellery, Crockery Smashing, Wine Bottle Game. Assistance with vehicles/trailers for collecting items from the Parish Room & WI Hall on the day would also be gratefully appreciated. I am sure villagers will all pull together once again for this splendid annual village event.

Farewell to Revd Lesley & Terry Valiant

Lesley is retiring and her last Sunday is August 11th. We thank Lesley and Terry for all they have done while they have been with us and pray that they may find God's blessing in the future. Archdeacon John Rawlings has told us "At present most vacancies are between nine months and a year." Neil Barker our Team Rector has asked us to be patient and forbearing in this time, as members of the Team churches share the weight of

extra responsibilities. Neil however has pulled out all stops to ensure that all services in the Team are covered at least until the end of the year. Lesley will be taking our Service here at 9.30 on Sunday 11th August and then goes to Aveton Gifford church for a 11.00am service which will be followed by a Bring & Share lunch at 12 noon for all the Modbury Team.

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.

Phill Errett.

South Devon AONB 2013 Photo Competition.

The AONB was designated by government in 1960 and is recognised as one of England's finest landscapes. The AONB unit is managed by a 'not for profit' partnership set up to take care of the area. AONBs are wonderful for wildlife and scenery but are also places where people live, work, relax and take care of the countryside. Further information about our work can be found at www.southdevonaonb.org.uk. By entering our competition you can show us what you think is special about this area. We'd love to know more about the way individuals and communities spend their time whether working, playing or exploring!

Only images taken within or looking into the AONB qualify. Underwater coastal shots are acceptable if they are within close proximity of the AONB coastline. Please see the map on website to find out the ar-

ea of South Devon that is designated as an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

Categories

There are three themed categories in which to enter:

Living and working in the AONB - The changing face of farming and food production, fishing, community and village events such as fetes, shows, apple days, the school, the pub and the shop.

Wild in the AONB - Wild landscape and wildlife, images that demonstrate the wilderness of the landscape and the flora and fauna that lies within.

Active in the AONB - Walking, cycling and more adventurous leisure activities including coaststeering, surfing, stand up paddle-boarding, sailing and more.

Each category has an under 18s section

All photos should be captioned by the photographer letting us know where and why they were taken. Entries are limited to three per person. We also require the photographer to geolocate their image when uploading it to this website. Photos should have been taken since January 2011.

Closing Date

Saturday 31st August 2013

Exhibition

The prize winners and all finalists will be exhibited at Harbour House, Kingsbridge from 14th - 20th October 2013. The exhibition will be open from 10am - 5pm with a presentation evening on Tuesday 15th October.

More information, details of prizes and entry form: www.sdaonb-comp.org.uk

New doorstep crime initiative launched across Devon and Cornwall

A new Devon and Cornwall Doorstep Crime Reduction Partnership was launched on Monday 15 April to help beat bogus callers, rogue traders and distraction burglars.

Devon and Cornwall Police has joined forces with county and district councils' Trading Standards services throughout the region to tackle doorstep criminals. The aim of the partnership is to help prevent residents becoming victims of doorstep crime by raising awareness, particularly among the more vulnerable, and to encourage people to report incidents.

The campaign, which is being supported by BBC local radio and Age UK, is designed to empower people to say No to bogus callers and report any suspicious activity in their local area to the police or Trading Standards.

Traders who refuse to leave someone's doorstep when asked could be committing a criminal offence, and as part of the campaign, residents are being advised on how best to deal with cold callers and stay safe in their homes, as well as given information on how to collect vital evidence to help the police and Trading Standards identify and catch offenders.

Free crime information packs have been distributed to public places such as libraries, doctors' surgeries and police stations across the region. The packs contain information for residents about protecting themselves against being conned by doorstep criminals, such as checking the caller's ID, using a door chain or simply not opening the door if you're not sure who it is, as well as getting a second opinion before agreeing to any work and checking the telephone numbers provided. Residents are urged not to let anyone into their home by a caller whilst an

accomplice enters the house, often at the rear.

It is well established that burglars use common tricks such as asking to check the water, gas or electricity meters.

In particular, households are being encouraged to display the 'No Cold Caller' stickers contained in the packs on their front doors to warn would-be rogue doorstep sellers and cold callers that the occupants are not prepared to do business on the doorstep.

PC Mike Elliot said: "Our continued motivation to protect the people of Devon and Cornwall has developed into a strong partnership across the two counties for the first time.

"We will continue to seek the support of people of all ages in our communities to identify offenders, improve the efficiency and effectiveness of investigations and eradicate this type of crime."

Anyone with information about illegal doorstep activities can either contact police by calling 101 or email 101@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk.

Alternatively, you can contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111 or via www.crimestoppers-uk.org.

If you wish to make a complaint about a trader or report a matter to Trading Standards, please phone the Citizens Advice Consumer Service on 08454 04 05 06.

Secure your shed and garage

Due to the rise in shed and garage thefts over the summer months, police are encouraging people to undertake simple security measures earlier to help prevent them becoming victims of crime.

Simple tips such as locking sheds and garages and putting expensive items away in secure locations after use are important. Property such as bikes, power tools, lawnmowers, garden furniture or ornaments as well as sporting equipment are sort after items.

As people in the UK are spending more and more leisure time in the garden the value of the items within our sheds and garages has risen, making these areas attractive to thieves.

Totnes local neighbourhood team is asking householders to be aware that sheds and garages are locked and garden equipment are secure at all times.

Devon and Cornwall Police are keen to ensure you keep your shed and garage as secure as possible by following the tips below: **Top tips**

- Locks** – Fit strong deadlocks or padlocks to shed and garage doors.
- Garden equipment** – Lock all garden equipment after use in your garage or shed.
- Strong doors** – Make sure your doors are strong and solid. Use strong door hinges also secured with coach bolts.
- Outside lighting** – Install outside lighting, possibly low energy security lights.
- Access routes** – Consider using gravel on paths and driveways. This makes it difficult for people to approach without making a noise to attract attention.

For further crime prevention advice, visit www.devon-cornwall.police.uk or contact your local neighbourhood team who will give you advice on preventing thefts and improving security.

If you need to report a garage or shed theft, contact the police on 101 or in an emergency dial 999. Alternatively, to report a non-urgent crime you can email 101@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk or visit www.devon-cornwall.pnn.police.uk.





National Trust

What glorious weather we have had during last month. It has brought many visitors out and about in our stunning South Devon coast and countryside and we are expecting even more come the summer holidays. With all this lovely weather making plant growth vigorous we are now undertaking all our path cutting works, making sure our paths do not get overgrown and allow visitors easy access. With over 60 miles of paths to cut, this is not an easy task.

We had an excellent event at New Barton farm Wembury on the 13th July which saw over 200 visitors attend the open day for tractor and trailer rides around the farm, cookery and butchery demonstrations and children's activities. The day aimed to reconnect consumers to their food, giving people a more accurate understanding of the countryside and how their food is produced. In doing this, it also aimed to promote the purchase of local food and produce, such as New Barton Farm's own range; 'Moostone meats'.

Our team was out for 2 days recently pulling and incinerating the Ragwort on Clematon Hill, Bigbury. It seems to have been a good year for the plant and we have many days of pulling ahead of us. Ragwort is an important plant in the British countryside as it is a food and nectar source for many invertebrates and therefore is only controlled on sites where the plant poses a threat to the health and welfare of grazing animals or the production of hay.

We have a new member to our team; Seasonal Ranger Joel Wakeling who will be out and about undertaking practical tasks to ensure our estate is maintained to a high standard. If you see any of the Rangers out on site please do stop and have a chat.

Lorna Sherriff

Community Ranger

Please contact your South Devon Rangers on 01548 562344 or email lorماشerriff@nationaltrust.org.uk

To keep up to date with the South Devon ranger team visit our blog at: www.ntsouthdevoncountryside.co.uk

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IMPROVE YOUR HOME

Did you know....

Your local authority could provide finance to repair, adapt or improve your home?

(subject to eligibility)

Call South Hams District Council
01803 861234 or visit www.wrcic.org.uk

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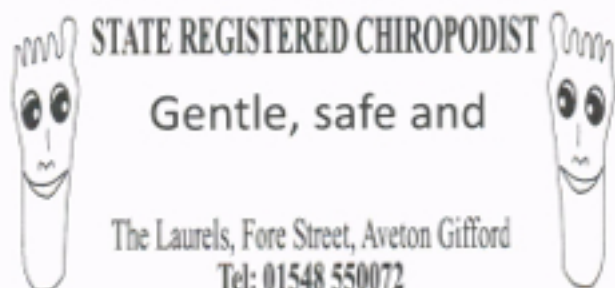
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