

RINGMORE PARISH NEWSLETTER

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A HAPPY CHRISTMAS
AND A
PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR TO
ALL
FROM JOHN AND JANE AT
WALNUT TREE COTTAGE

WISHING
EVERYONE A
HAPPY CHRISTMAS
& A PROSPEROUS NEW
YEAR
BOB WOODS

SHANDY AND I
SEND VERY BEST
WISHES FOR CHRISTMAS
AND THE NEW YEAR
TO ALL OUR FRIENDS AND
NEIGHBOURS IN RINGMORE
NATALIE

WISHING YOU
ALL A VERY HAPPY
CHRISTMAS AND A
HEALTHY NEW YEAR
PAM

WITH BEST WISHES TO
EVERYONE FOR A
JOYFUL CHRISTMAS
AND A HEALTHY AND
HAPPY 2014
ANDREA AND BERTIE

PHILL
AND
SALLY
WISH EVERYONE A
HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND
A HEALTHY
NEW YEAR

A VERY
MERRY
CHRISTMAS
AND A JOYFUL
NEW YEAR
TO EVERYONE
FROM
ALICE MASON

LET US RAISE A LOVING CUP
TO WISH FOR PEACE ON
EARTH, GOODWILL TO ALL
MEN AND HOPE IN OUR
HEARTS ...THAT THEY DO THE
WASHING UP.
MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A
HAPPY NEW YEAR!
SANDY AND MICHAEL

GILL AND CARMEN
WOULD LIKE TO
WISH ALL THEIR
FRIENDS AND
NEIGHBOURS A VERY
HAPPY CHRISTMAS
AND A PEACEFUL
NEW YEAR

A
VERY HAPPY
CHRISTMAS
TO YOU ALL.
SALLY, PERRY, SAMUEL,
MADDIE, ELOISE
& WILLIAM

WISHING YOU
MUCH JOY AND
BLESSING THIS
CHRISTMAS AND
THROUGH THE
COMING YEAR
FROM JACKIE
AND MICHAEL

TO
ALL OUR
FRIENDS IN
RINGMORE, WE WISH
YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS
& A PEACEFUL, HEALTHY
& SAFE NEW YEAR
ROBBIE &
PROBIE

DIARY DATES:

Monday Short Mat Bowls
Tuesday Table Tennis, Parish Rm, 8.00pm
Wednesday Cameo Coffee 10.30-12.00

December

4 RBL Meeting, Journey's End, 7.30
6 Wine Tasting, Memorial Hall, 7.30
7 Christmas Bazaar, Parish Rm 11.00-2.00
14 Film Show, Parish Room 6.45 for 7.30
22 Carol Service, All Hallows
25 Carols round the tree, Bigbury Green

January 2014

10 Quiz Night, Memorial Hall
18 Film Show, Parish room 6.45 for 7.30
21 Parish Council Meeting, WI Hall, 7.00
22 RHS Talk, WI Hall, 7.30

February

3 Tearfund Lunch, WI Hall 12.00.-2.00
15 Film Show, Parish Room 6.45 for 7.30
18 Parish Council Meeting, WI Hall, 7.00

March

9 Table Tennis Tournament, J,E, 1.30
10 Tearfund Lunch, WI Hall, 12.00-2.00
15 Film Show Parish Room 6.45 for 7.30
18 Parish Council Meeting, WI Hall, 7.00

April

22 Parish Council Meeting, WI Hall 7.00

May

20 Parish Council Meeting, 6.45 & Annual Meeting 7.30

June

17 Parish Council Meeting WI Hall 7.00

July

22 Parish Council Meeting WI Hall 7.00

September

23 Parish Council Meeting WI Hall 7.00

October

21 Parish Council Meeting WI Hall 7.00

November

18 Parish Council Meeting WI Hall 7.00

Carol Singing Practices at Barnford, 7.30pm, on 4th, 11th & 18th December.

Children who would like to sing at the Carol Service, please contact Adrian & Judy (810420)

The next **TEARFUND LUNCH** will be on Monday 3rd February at the WI Hall from 12.00 - 2.00 p.m. As usual there will be delicious soup and bread with fruit crumble and ice cream to follow, finishing with tea or coffee. All proceeds go to Tearfund to help those in need in third world countries. Please note in March the Tearfund Lunch will be on the 10th to avoid being the day before the Pancake Extravaganza



CHRISTMAS BAZAAR
SATURDAY 7th DECEMBER
11.00 - 2.00
PARISH ROOM, RINGMORE



Mulled Wine and Mince Pies
Jewellery, Decorations, Cushions, Candles, Cosmetics,
Cakes, Jams, Pickles Wreaths, Photographs, Calendars
Raffle, Tombola



BECAUSE OF THE DIFFICULTY OF GETTING A NEWSLETTER COMPILED AND PRINTED OVER THE BUSY CHRISTMAS PERIOD, WE WILL **NOT** BE PRODUCING A JANUARY ISSUE.

MANY THANKS FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART FOR ALL THE KINDNESS, HELP AND SUPPORT I HAVE RECEIVED SINCE ALAN'S SUDDEN BUT PEACEFUL DEATH. I HAVE BEEN LUCKY ENOUGH TO BE SURROUNDED BY LOVE DURING AND AFTER HIS ILLNESS. HE GAVE US SUCH HOPE FOR THE FUTURE ESPECIALLY DURING OUR 'GOLDEN TIME'. I CAN ONLY LOOK BACK AND BE ESPECIALLY GRATEFUL FOR WHATEVER MADE US MOVE TO RINGMORE 15 YEARS AGO - THE STARS MUST HAVE SHONE ON US THAT DAY. WITH MUCH LOVE, ROBBIE

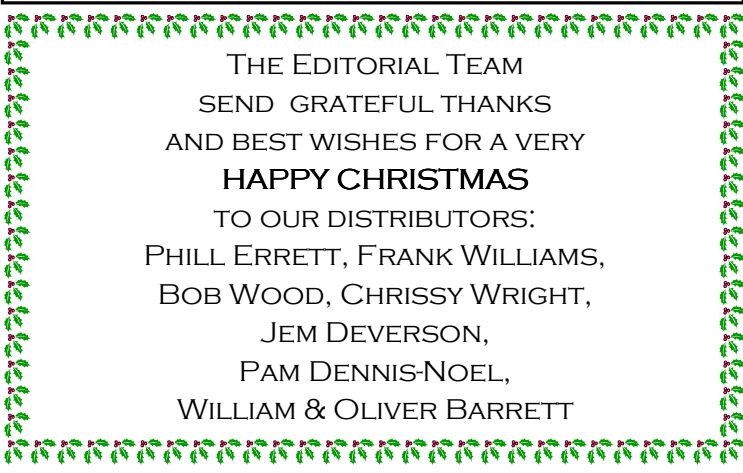
A WARM WELCOME TO JULIETTE AND MIKE JACKSON AND THEIR DAUGHTERS, MARIANNE AND MAYA WHO HAVE MOVED INTO TOSCA WHERE THEY WILL BE LIVING WHILST THEIR NEW HOUSE IS BEING BUILT. JULIETTE AND MIKE PLAN TO CREATE A LOW IMPACT HOME AT THE WATER TANK, ST. ANN'S CHAPEL, USING LOCAL MATERIALS, CRAFT AND SKILLS PEOPLE. THEY WILL BE MANAGING THE PROJECT THEMSELVES AND HOPE TO START BUILDING VERY SOON. WE HOPE THEY WILL BE VERY HAPPY HERE.


I WOULD LIKE TO SEND MY **HEARTFELT GRATITUDE** TO ALL THOSE FRIENDS WHO HAVE DONE SO MUCH TO HELP ME - BY CARING FOR MY POOR ABANDONED DOG, BY SENDING CARDS AND VISITING ME IN HOSPITAL AND HELPING IN SO MANY WAYS SINCE I HAVE BEEN HOME. THEY HAVE ALL BEEN SO WONDERFUL TO ME AND I AM NOW RAPIDLY GETTING BETTER. THANK YOU ALL SO MUCH. NATALIE

A BIG THANK YOU. JOHN BRACEY WOULD LIKE TO SAY A BIG THANK TO YOU TO ALL THOSE WHO VISITED, SENT HIM CARDS, GAVE THEIR BEST WISHES, THOUGHT OF HIM AND PRAYED FOR HIM DURING HIS RECENT STAY IN DERRIFORD HOSPITAL WITH PNEUMONIA. IT IS A BIG HELP TO HAVE SUCH SUPPORT FROM YOU WONDERFUL PEOPLE IN THIS VERY SPECIAL VILLAGE OF RINGMORE. HE IS SLOWLY RECOVERING AT HOME UNDER ANN'S CARE AND SUPERVISION!


CHURCH CHRISTMAS FLOWERS
Calling all flower arrangers—of all ages.
 Do come to the Church on Saturday
 21st December to decorate it for Christmas. I
 will be there between 10.00 am and 2.00 pm
 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)

THANK YOU. JUST A NOTE TO SAY THANK YOU VERY MUCH TO EVERYONE WHO TELEPHONED, SENT CARDS, GOOD WISHES AND PRAYERS FOR MY SPEEDY RECOVERY. I'M HAPPY TO REPORT THAT I AM NOW AT HOME AND ALMOST BACK TO NORMAL (WHATEVER THAT MEANS) BUT STIL HUV SUM TRUBBLE WITH ME SPELING! JAMES IS ALSO FEELING WELL AND MAKING EXCELLENT PROGRESS. JANE STEVENSON


 THE EDITORIAL TEAM
 SEND GRATEFUL THANKS
 AND BEST WISHES FOR A VERY
HAPPY CHRISTMAS
 TO OUR DISTRIBUTORS:
 PHILL ERRETT, FRANK WILLIAMS,
 BOB WOOD, CHRIS WRIGHT,
 JEM DEVERSON,
 PAM DENNIS-NOEL,
 WILLIAM & OLIVER BARRETT


 Wishing you all the Peace and Joy of
 Christmas
 With our love, Adrian and Judy


www.turkeysfromdevon.co.uk
 Our bronze free-range turkeys are traditionally reared and prepared in the time-honoured way to give a moist, flavoursome meat for the centrepiece of your Christmas table. They meet the Golden Promise standard with welfare a top priority.
 For further information or to place your order please ring the Walters family in Kingston on (01548) 810259
 Home-reared sausages, bacon, hams and other meats also available to order.
Potatoes now available


HOLLY WREATHS
 From £5.00
 Various Designs and Sizes
 Telephone Rosemary
 01548 810211


SCHOOL'S NOT SO BAD AFTER ALL!

12th November 2013

Photograph by James Parkin



PARISH ROOM FILM NIGHTS

Saturday December 14th

While You Were Sleeping

A romantic comedy starring Sandra Bullock

Lucy, a subway ticket clerk, fantasies about marrying a regular commuter. She rescues him when he is almost pushed on to the rails by a mugger. She visits him in hospital and that's when the misunderstandings start.

Saturday January 18th

Sense and Sensibility

A superb adaptation of Jane Austen's novel, starring Emma Thompson, Hugh Grant, Alan Rickman and Kate Winslett. With their sudden loss of fortune, the marriage chances of the two sisters seemed doomed, their suitors being trapped by the strict rules of society.

Many of the scenes were filmed locally

Saturday February 15th

Two Mules for Sister Sarah

Starring Clint Eastwood and Shirley McClaine

A high plains drifter rescues a nun from a gang of attackers. They become involved with a group of Mexican freedom fighters trying to oust their French occupiers. The nun is not altogether what she seems as becomes evident in this rumbustious and humorous tale.

All at 6.45 for 7.00 Admission £5

The newsletter is 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., Carmen 810028

MOBILE LIBRARY

Tuesday December 3rd & 17th

Ringmore Church 11.20—11.55



Rainfall

November 2013 136 mm

10 year high 25 mm

10 year low 173mm

10 year average 106 mm



Neighbourhood Watch

A local garage has been broken into and a brand new mower stolen. Police urge residents to ensure their outbuildings are locked and their valuables secure.

Barry Old, Neighbourhood Watch, 810359

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



THE DEFIBRILLATOR IS AT NO. 8 CROSSWAYS (ANDI AND EMILY'S) ON THE WALL RIGHT HAND SIDE AS YOU FACE FRONT DOOR.

VILLAGE WHEELCHAIR

NEW! A wheelchair is available for people to borrow if the need arises. It is kept in the W.I. Hall, and can be accessed by telephoning either Jackie Tagent (810520) or Sally Errett (810547).

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 Carmen 810028

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The Wells at Ringmore Vean

Ringmore Vean was not mentioned in the list of wells around Ringmore so I thought I would let you know about them and boost the total so far. We have four wells at the property, the first is at the furthest corner of our garden and is fed from somewhere under the King's property Mandava. This feeds into a second well close by and the water then runs under ground and comes out into our stream, leading to our pond and then out to the pond in the King's field. The third is a butter well, with its tiny trickle of icy cold water flowing through it all the time. The fourth is fed from the butter well and this too drains out into the stream and away down the valley. The fourth well used to have a pump attached to it (the pump is still in the garden) and this was used to pump water into the slate water tank (this can still be seen perched on top of our back hallway). This would have given the household gravity fed running water in the house. **Karen Purdy**



By my reckoning this now makes 21 wells in or near the village, but there may be more.

We don't have all the facts about the history of the village and we are intent on filling the gaps. If any readers have information about the history of their property we would welcome the information and would ask them to get in touch with any member of the Committee

Richard Baker, Ringmore Historical Society

We were very grateful to receive a generous donation from Ann Lambell. It will be put towards the raffle and the tombola at our Christmas Bazaar, which we hope will, in turn, generate funds for the Newsletter. Thank you very much Ann.

The Editorial Team

BIGBURY MEMORIAL HALL Calendar of Events December 2013 – January 2014

<u>Day & Time</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Contact name</u>	<u>Tel. no</u>
Mon. 9.30 – 10.15	*Body Boost	Jill Gubbins	810651
10.30 – 11.30	*Pilates	Jill Gubbins	810651
2.30 – 4.30	Bowls	Jim Chadwick	810454
Tues. 5.00 – 6.00	French Conversation	Vic Gubbins	810651
Wed. 9.30 – 11.45	South Hams Shrimps	Annabelle Parnell	810429
Thurs. 9.15 – 10.00	*Body Conditioning	Jill Gubbins	810651
10.05 – 11.05	*Pilates	Jill Gubbins	810651
11.15 – 12.00	*Strong & Steady(+ tea & chat)	Jill Gubbins	810651

**Jill's last session before Christmas will be on Thursday 12th December. Probable restart date is Monday 13th January*

ALAN MCCARTHY 04.05.1945 - 13.11.2013



Alan joined in enthusiastically and wholeheartedly to everything he committed to. He helped Dennis and Di out as a part time farmer when they were away. Undertook decorating, painting, and general all round handy man jobs for various people – there wasn't anything he didn't turn his hand to. He was a Parish Councillor, the P3 Co-ordinator (or footpath warden) organized beach cleans and did a great deal of work on the paths himself. He was Chairman of the Short Bowls Club, sometime builder of fences at Flete Point to Point Course, time keeper and scorer for the Inter Parish Quiz, question master for quizzes at Bigbury and Ringmore where he successfully kept all the unruly in order, twice winner of the darts competition in the JE, helped out in the JE, helped out at the WI and All Hallows fetes by making and hosting many children's games (who could possibly forget 'Splat the Rat'), erecting and dismantling marquees and generally running around and sometime stand in parish newsletter deliverer. He helped Phill with the village Christmas tree every year (Phill has said that he

now needs to fill the void and would welcome a willing volunteer). There isn't an organization or society in the village he hasn't helped either with his time or his talents.

His self-taught woodworking skills were legend and his work can be seen all over the village – for instance, no-one would be standing safely in the pulpit without him.

He was a life time supporter of the Royal British Legion having been involved by his Grandfather. He ran the 100 Club and after a while, when Guy was satisfied he had completed his apprenticeship he ran the RBL auction for 10 years.

He was the RBL representative on the Parish Room Committee and then became the Chairman. He found funds for the refurbishment, which was no mean feat and travelled to meetings to put forward the case. He spent many hours doing the work himself. His legacy will be a warm, clean and comfortable facility which will be enjoyed by many people for many years to come.

All through his illness he never complained, was never angry and approached it in the same way he approached life – full on and looking it in the eye.

He was well loved, a loving husband, father, grandfather, loyal and steadfast friend.

An extract from the tribute given at Alan's Memorial Service

We send our condolences to Robbie and family. Alan was an active and busy member of the Parish and he used his many skills to benefit the community. He contributed so much and will be greatly missed.

The Editorial Team



**WISHING ALL OUR READERS A
VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS
AND A
PEACEFUL NEW YEAR
THE EDITORIAL TEAM**

RINGMORE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 22ND 2014

7.30

IN THE W.I. HALL

**HOW DEVON'S PRESS REPORTED THE
FIRST WORLD WAR**

An illustrated talk by Historian
Robert Hesketh

Admission for non members: £2

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

Journey's End John Edward Bracey Table Tennis Tournament

Sunday 9th March 2014 at 13.30

Plenty of warning is being given so that you do not miss this popular village event, so please make a note in your diaries whether you can play or not. Next year will be the 18th in the long series and it has always been a fun day. You do not need to be able to play to a high standard to enjoy yourself, you can come along and watch or better still put your name on the sheet in the entrance lobby of the Journey's End Inn. We are aiming for the easy to organise number of 32 again. The draw will take place on Thursday 6th March 2014. The start time will be 1-30 so that people can have a drink and/or a meal before play commences. The entrance fee for the tournament is a minimum of just £1 to go to the Air Ambulance charity. Anyone who wishes to practice for the event will be welcome as a guest at the Ringmore Table Tennis Club in the Parish Room on Tuesdays from 8.00 p.m.



Ringmore WI – November Meeting

Ringmore WI members and visitors were very interested in hearing Roger Barrett's talk about his time as a guide at the Start Bay Lighthouse.

The talk commenced with a short film from an edition of 'Countryfile' a few years previously. Matt Baker was shown over the lighthouse by Roger Barrett.

Roger then went on to outline the history of building lighthouses and the need for them along various parts of the coastline. Nearer to this part of the world he showed artists sketches of the original, and second build, the of Eddystone lighthouse, both of which were made from wood, and looked extremely decorative, rather than functional. Eventually the design, as in Smeaton's Tower on the Hoe, was adopted. This lighthouse is only on The Hoe due to the rocks below Smeaton's Tower at the Eddystone becoming unstable. A new lighthouse – the one we see when we look out across the water now - was built on more stable rocks.

Everyone very much enjoyed a first rate speaker with good slides to enhance the talk.

Our next meeting is on Thursday January 9th at 8.00pm when Roger Tyler will be speaking about the Kingsbridge Foodbank. This is one of the two charities which we are supporting at the present time. All are welcome.

RINGMORE PARISH COUNCIL COUNCILLOR VACANCY

A casual vacancy exists on the Parish Council and applications are invited from prospective councillors. If you would like to be considered please let the clerk know at the address below.

If you would like to know more about being a councillor please contact one of the councillors.

When a casual vacancy arises, the council must as soon as practicable, give public notice of the vacancy by posting the notice in some conspicuous place or places within the parish or community.

If within 14 days after public notice has been given, at least ten electors give written notice to the proper officer of South Hams District Council at Follaton House, Totnes, TQ9 5NE of a request for an election to fill the vacancy, then a by-election must be held except where a vacancy occurs within six months of the next ordinary elections.

If no by-election is called, the council must as soon as practicable after the 14 day period, fill the vacancy by co-option. If the vacancy falls within the six month period the council may but need not, fill the vacancy.

The council may co-opt whom it pleases to fill a vacancy, provided the person is qualified to be a councillor. The person co-opted must receive a majority of votes of those councillors present and voting at the meeting where the co-option takes place.

Peter Javes 22 Glebe Land Aveton Gifford Kingsbridge TQ7 4LX Tel 01548 559283

peter.javes@btinternet.com



Over the winter months volunteer groups have been helping to maintain the National Trust's countryside properties.

The South Devon Volunteer Group has been working with the National Trust to maintain the hedgerows running along Smugglers Path in Ringmore. Hedge laying is an important traditional rural skill. The volunteers work hard to encourage the growth of the hedgerows and improve their overall structure and strength. Over time the hedgerows will create a more effective stock-proof barrier.

At Nodden Mill the Ringmore Volunteer group will be willow coppicing. Willow grows quickly and coppiced willow will produce multiple branches. The aim is to create coppice for future willow harvesting and to base further volunteering opportunities and events around this activity, such as basket and hurdle making.

The work that our National Trust volunteers do is very important to us. Volunteers make a significant contribution to countryside management and without them we would not be able to maintain our places for everyone to enjoy.

If you would like to find out more about volunteering opportunities with the National Trust – to learn a new skill, make new friends and enjoy working outside in the country – then you can contact Helen Pattison at the Rangers Office on 01548 562344 or email helen.pattison@nationaltrust.org.uk.

Many of you will know Simon Garner who has been our Head Ranger for many years and worked this area for over 15 years. He has now left the Trust for a job with Cornwall County Council as Countryside Sites and Trails Officer. We wish him all the best with his new role across the river, he will be greatly missed. The new Countryside Manager will be starting in January.

Over the Christmas period we will have Rangers on call, so if there are any issue that concern you, or emergencies that come up please call the office; and we will do our best to deal with it.

On behalf of the South Devon Ranger Team we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a relaxing festive holiday.

Helen Pattison
Community Ranger Internship



Alice Mason on her 98th Birthday 12th November 2013

Photograph taken by Michael Tagent



Parish Volunteers Clearing Ayrmer Lane
November 2013

CHURCH SERVICES & THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

	Bigbury 11.00 am	Kingston 9.30 am	Ringmore 9.30 am
1 st December	Family Communion	Family Communion	Sunday Worship
8 th December	Christingle	Christingle (4 pm)	Holy Communion*
15 th December	Carol Service (6pm)	Sunday Worship	Village Service
18 th December	Korniloff Communion (2.30 pm)		
22 nd December	Crib Service (4 pm)	Carol Service (6 pm)	Carol Service (6 pm)
Christmas Eve	Midnight Communion (11 pm)		
Christmas Day	Christmas Family Service (10 am)	Christmas Communion (10 am)	Christmas Communion* (10.30 am)
29 th December	Team Holy Communion in Modbury (10.30 am)		
5 th January	Family Communion	Family Communion	Sunday Worship
12 th January	Sunday Worship	Sunday Worship	Sunday Worship
19 th January	Sunday Worship	Sunday Worship	Village Service
26 th January	Holy Communion*	Village Service	Family Communion

* Service in traditional language

Dear Friends,

Happy Christmas!

Are you approaching the season with a groan or a thrill?

Here is something to make you groan.....

Question: How does King Wenceslas like his pizza?

Answer: Deep pan, crisp and even. (It gets worse...)



Sadly, that won't mean anything to people who are not familiar with the Christmas Carol.

This year you may spot a Happy mas poster, with the title "Christmas without Christ makes no sense...", which is intended to help people reach through to the heart of all the celebrations.

If we are honest, even those of us who are Christians, can find ourselves carried along so fast by the tide of festivities that we miss the opportunity to encounter Jesus. So here are some ideas:

1. "The Real Advent Calendar" available in local supermarkets, as well as having a daily chocolate, reminds you Christmas starts with Christ.
2. Decide now which of the Christmas acts of worship you will come to and think about who you will invite to come with you.
3. As you buy, give and receive presents, remember the old saying: "It's the thought that counts..." and think Jesus.
4. When you turn on the TV or internet and receive programmes into your home, stop and think of receiving Jesus – God downloaded.
5. As you spend time with family remember God calls you into a "stable" relationship....
6. I'll be using "Waiting, Hoping, Acting -Advent Exercises to Develop Your Heart for God" which Ruth Radley a CMS partner in Sudan has written A scripture, thought and activity for each day of Advent, plus the Twelve Days of Christmas. You can get a copy for £6 including postage from CMS-SHOP.org.uk – you can find it under:

Home / Craftshop / Seasonal / Christmas / Christmas Resources

May God bless you and bless others through you this Christmas.

Neil Barker

Team Rector: The Revd Neil Barker (830260: any day except Mondays)

Team Vicar: (vacant)

Team Readers: Chris Lally (521587), Michael Tagent (810520)

Website: www.modburyteam.org

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.

All Hallows Church, Ringmore



Remembrance Day Service November 10th

There was hardly a spare seat in All Hallows church 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. The Service included the laying of Poppy Wreaths at the Memorial Window by representatives of the Royal British Legion, Ringmore Parish Council and Ringmore Womens Institute. 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.

Candlelit Carol Service, December 22nd

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, 29th December

Our Team Rector Neil Barker will conduct the Team Service to be held at St Georges church, Modbury, starting at 10.30am. There will not be a service at All Hallows on that day.

Village Services

Our village services are becoming very popular and the October service was led by Christopher Piercy who gave a thought provoking, calm and measured delivery. The speaker was Denis King, who had previously been a teacher, and he gave an excellent talk which was interesting, humorous and thoughtful. Why not come along for our next village service which will be held on Sunday 15th December.

Church Pre-Christmas Clean up

Thanks go to Frank and Drina for organising, together with the willing band of helpers, for sprucing up the church ready for the various Christmas celebrations. It really does look sparkling clean.

Quinquennial Inspection work

Following the woodworm treatment on the church during May this year another phase of work has just been completed. This involved cleaning out all the rainwater gutters and down pipes, replacing damaged and missing roof slates de-rusting and painting of the three bells support framework, replacing high level light bulbs and replacing the electrical supply and socket (which failed the electricity safety examination) for the Village Christmas tree. The next phase which is in the process of starting is a full report on the rainwater furniture to find out which requires replacing or just hopefully painting.

Pledged Giving

We will shortly be distributing the 2014 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 Ron Williams, our current Treasurer, on 810851. 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 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.

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RINGMORE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON 19 NOVEMBER 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 John Reynolds	JR	
	District Cllr Bryan Carson	BC	
In attendance	Peter Javes	PJ	Clerk
Apologies	Cllr James Parkin	JP	
	County Cllr William Mumford	WM	

Members of the public present: none

The meeting was preceded by a minute's silence in memory of Alan McCarthy, a former councillor who had made a substantial contribution to the parish.

124/13 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

BL and MH in respect of item 130/13, donation to the Royal British Legion.

125/13 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLUTION THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 22 October 2013 be accepted as a correct record.

Proposed: Cllr Brian Lambell **Seconded:** Cllr Sarah Hitchmough

Resolution carried unanimously.

The minutes were signed by the Chairman.

126/13 MATTERS ARISING

126.1 Traffic Calming

No progress to date. The Clerk was instructed to ask DCC to repaint the white markings at the junction outside the Church. Clerk

126.2 Traffic Speed Survey

WM to be asked to comment on progress. WM

126.3 Kachelo Wall

No response yet from DCC Building Control. Clerk

126.4 Challaborough Defibrillator

Carry forward to 2014.

127/13 PLANNING

127.1 General

MH opened a discussion on planning matters generally and felt that the parish council should be more active in promoting discussion within the parish on planning applications. BC explained the SHDC timetable for considering applications. In general it was the intention to dispose of an application within eight weeks. However the parish council could always ask for more time to respond.

127.2 New Applications

05-40/2549/13/VAR Challaborough Bay Holiday Park extend opening period

A lengthy discussion ensued on the application to extend the opening period from 1 March to 1 February. MH read letters of objection to SHDC from parishioners.

RESOLUTION THAT an objection to the above application be filed with SHDC on the grounds that on the grounds that it might lead to the Park becoming a permanent residence for some of the home owners on the site, that is, homes intended to be holiday homes could be considered permanent homes if the site is only closed for one month in the year.

Proposed: Cllr Brian Lambell **Seconded:** Cllr Mike Hammond

Resolution carried unanimously.

Councillors felt that it did not know enough about the existing planning permissions for the site and instructed the Clerk to enquire of SHDC:-

1. How many operators are running the park?
2. What Planning Permits are in existence and are these for perpetuity?
3. There are a number of owners, as well the holiday lets, and are the numbers restricted in each category?
4. Is all the Park rated for Business Rate or are some normal residential Council Tax rated?
5. Regarding the last item there are a number of owners on our Register of Electors so does that mean they pay Council Tax?

128/13 FINANCE

Bank balances as at 19 November 2013	£ 9,848.98
Payments	
John Reid – grass cutting	64.00
Peter Javes – administration	80.80
Michael Hammond – miscellaneous	16.07
Brian Lambell – mileage and PPP	35.80
Royal British Legion	50.00
TOTAL	<u>246.57</u>
The above payments were approved.	
Thus cash now available	<u>9,602.31</u>

129/13 PRECEPT 2013-4

The Clerk had circulated a template for consideration of the precept request for 2014-5. It was noted that the Council Tax Support Grant would be £100. This matter would be discussed further in January 2014.

130/13 ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

RESOLUTION THAT a donation of £50 be made towards the 2013 RBL poppy appeal.

Proposed: Cllr Sarah Hitchmough **Seconded:** Cllr John Reynolds

Resolution carried unanimously.

131/13 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

BC reported on the consultation with SHDC staff to achieve a 24% reduction staffing by 2018. The Charterlands cluster would submit an application to the TAP fund for additional parish lengthsman time.

Clerk

132/13 PARISH PATHS PARTNERSHIP

Footpath no. 4: to be repaired later in the year
Footpath no. 9 at Lower Manor Farm- completed
Footpath no. 13 at Cockle Lane completed
Footpath no. 10 Aymer Bridleway completed
JR had reservations about some of the work carried out by the National Trust.

133/13 ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

133.1 Flood Remedial Works

Awaiting DCC.
Verges would be scraped to clear leaves etc in November.

133.2 Town Well

Work had started on clearing vegetation at Town Well.

Clerk

133.3 Skip

A skip for Ringmore parish had been arranged for 30 November 2013.
BC would chase up forms to claim recycling credit.

BC

133.4 Tidy Up

The laurels on Darkie Lane would be cut back.
The overhanging bush near the Church would be cut back.
The steps to the bench at the bus shelter would be repaired.

134/13 CHALLABOROUGH WINTER TOILET CLOSURE

BC to establish with SHDC what would be the cost the cost of cleaning the toilets at Challaborough for the three winter months. BC

135/13 MEETINGS ATTENDED BY COUNCILLORS AND CLERK

Super cluster meeting 11 November 2013. MH briefed councillors on the meeting.

136/13 APPLE PRESS

JR reported that no grant was available to buy an apple press for the Parish. However he felt that this would be a worthwhile asset for the parish and would report back with a proposal in 2014. JR

137/13 FOR DISCUSSION AT NEXT MEETING

Defibrillator for Challaborough
Precept 2014-5

Meeting closed at 9.10 pm and the Chairman wished all councillors and parishioners a **Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.**

Ringmore Historical Society

The 29th Annual General Meeting of the Society was held on November 20th in the WI Hall. The following were elected to the committee:

Chairman -Michael Tagent. Treasurer-Richard Baker. Secretary-Barry Old.

Mike Wynne-Powell and Brian Lambell were elected as committee members.

In the Annual Report the Chairman announced that the Society had been successful in obtaining a grant of £5000 from the Heritage Lottery Fund



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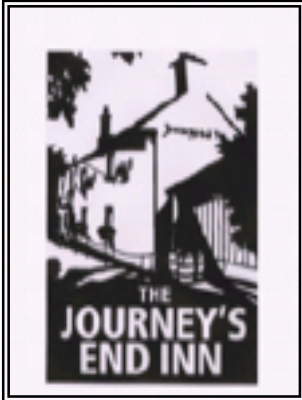
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