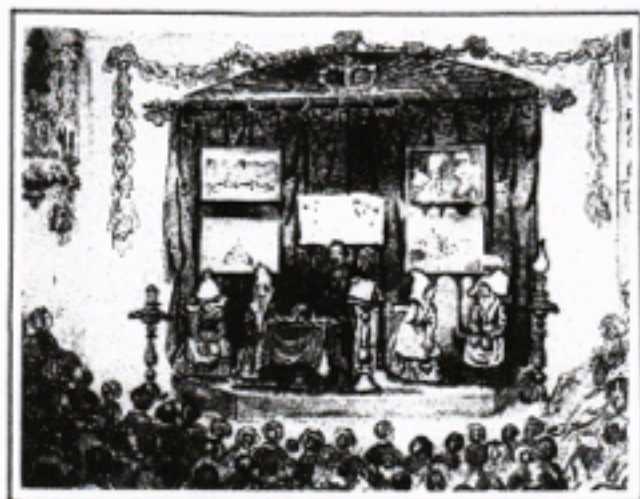


## RINGMORE HISTORICAL SOCIETY



The Ringmore Historical Society was founded in 1984 by a small group of village residents. Their aims were to research and record the history of the village and its people, to preserve and catalogue interesting and relevant documents, and to provide a useful source of information by publishing items of historical interest relating to the past life of Ringmore and its people.

The Society has flourished for twenty-five years, steadily achieving its aims and establishing itself as a significant part of village life. It has an ever-growing archive of documents, illustrations and photographs, and has published a range of booklets on topics such as the houses of Ringmore, All Hallows' church and graveyard, and the memories of former inhabitants. Further publications in preparation include extracts from the writings of Prebendary F.C... Hingeston-Randolph, Rector of All Hallows from 1860-1910 and a major benefactor to Ringmore, a book about the village in general, a second instalment of *Ringmore Remembered*, and *A Brief Chronology of Ringmore*, dating from the thirteenth century to the present day. Old photographs of the village are produced for sale as postcards from time to time as well as a very attractive Parish Map.

The Society is managed by a small committee that arranges three or four Meetings annually at which illustrated talks, usually on local themes, are given by guest speakers. The Meetings take place in the WI Hall each month from January to April. They are informal and congenial occasions, concluding with a glass of wine.

Every summer, usually in June, there is a visit to a local or West Country place of interest such as a National Trust house, a Museum, or an historical site. This always includes a pre-booked lunch or cream tea. The committee also organizes occasional 'events' for the whole village; for example, the Village Photograph and Beach Picnic celebrating the Society's twenty-first year of activity, and the Measuring of the Yew Tree, to mention just two past 'events'.

Items of material in the Society's archive can be made available, usually by photocopy, to people (visitors as well as residents) who may be seeking information about the past of the village, its church, houses and buildings, farms and land, its former inhabitants, burials and gravestones, institutions and traditions. Similarly, the Society is always pleased to receive relevant information or archive material, either as photocopying or in its original form.

Requests for information should be addressed initially to the Society's archivist: Barry Old, End House, tel. 01548 810359.

The Society currently has 40+ members. New members are very warmly welcome. Anyone wishing to know more, or to join the Society, may like to come to the AGM to be held on 18 November 2009 at 7.30pm in the WI Hall, or to the first 2010 Meeting, which is on 20 January. Reminders of all Meetings and events are given in the Newsletter and on posters in the village.

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