

Ringmore Parish Newsletter

January 2018

Edited by David

Deadline for February, 26th Jan



Christmas morning in Ringmore started grey but relatively dry and the church lights stood out in the morning gloom

RINGMORE DIARY DATES

Short Mat Bowls: Monday evenings from October 7.30pm

Tuesday: Table Tennis, Parish Room 8.00pm

January

- 2 Mobile Library Ringmore, 11.50am - 12.20pm
- 8 Tearfund Lunch. WI Hall 12.00 - 2.00pm
- 9 Ringmore Parish Council Meeting, 7.00pm WI Hall
- 11 WI Meeting 'How does your garden grow?' WI Hall 7.30pm
- 13 Parish Room Film, *The Mysterious Affair at Styles* 7.30pm
- 17 Induction service for the new Modbury Benefice vicar (includes All Hallows, Ringmore) 7.00pm at Modbury church.
- 18 Parish Room Committee Meeting, 10.30am
The Filling Station, Bigbury Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 26 *Sound and Vision* Mike Wynne-Powell, 7.30pm
- 27 Mobile Library Ringmore, 11.50am - 12.20pm

February

- 5 Tearfund Lunch. WI Hall 12.00 - 2.00pm
- 6 Ringmore Parish Council Meeting, 7.00pm WI Hall

- 8 WI Meeting *My Life in Prison* - Rev Daniel Hartley
WI Hall 7.30pm
- 13 Pancake extravaganza, Parish Room, 10.30am
- 15 The Filling Station, Bigbury Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 21 Ringmore Historical Society *The History of Three Ringmore Houses*, WI Hall 7.30pm
- 24 *Murder Mystery* 7.30pm
- 28 PCC Meeting Parish Room
- 27 Mobile Library Ringmore, 11.50am - 12.20pm

March

- 5 Tearfund Lunch. WI Hall 12.00 - 2.00pm
- 13 Ringmore Parish Council Meeting, 7.00pm WI Hall
- 15 The Filling Station, Bigbury Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 21 Ringmore Historical Society *Living History: St Michaels Mount*, WI Hall, 7.30pm
- 27 Mobile Library Ringmore, 11.50am - 12.20pm

From the Editor.....

A Happy New Year to all! Welcome to the January 2018 edition of the newsletter. I do hope you had a great Christmas holiday and are greeting the new year with renewed vigour and long list of resolutions that will hopefully last longer than this first month. One of mine is to ensure I include everything in the newsletter that I am sent. Unfortunately I have omitted a few items over the course of 2017 and have resolved to do better. The latest of these was a note from Keith regarding the James Stevenson event in November. I have rectified this in this issue and apologise to them both for my omission in December.

Some sad, news came through on the 29th December that Alice Mason passed away on that date at the age of 102. I am grateful to Phill Errett and Mike Wynne Powell for the obituary and photos that are included within these pages. At the time of writing we do not have any details of her funeral arrangements or memorial service to report.

Don't forget that the Parish Council website is now up and running. Do have a look at it and do let me know what you think.

www.ringmoreparishcouncil.gov.uk

If you have any comments or suggestions to make these will be gratefully received at
ringmorenews@gmail.com or by telephone to 811212. David



Ringmore First Aid Responder - In an emergency call 999 then any of us.

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Andi King	01548 811210	Debbie Mercy	01548 811276
Emily Bohnet	01548 811210		



THE DEFIBRILLATOR is at No 8 Crossways (Andi and Emily's) on the right hand side of the wall as you face the front door. There is also one at Challaborough Shop and at Holywell Stores

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ringmorenews@gmail.com, David 811212

Promoting Dementia Friendly Communities



Four Rivers Dementia Alliance

LET'S TALK ABOUT DEMENTIA IN OUR COMMUNITIES

Come and join us to find out how to support people living with dementia in your community, or to share your experiences and ideas on

Friday 2nd February 2018

at

The Watermark, Ivybridge

Erme Court, Leonards Rd PL21 0SZ

9.30am-3pm

Everyone welcome:

individuals, carers, groups, organisations & businesses

Speakers will be: Gary Streeter - MP, Helen Penwarden - Devon Federation of Women's Institutes, Ian Sherriff – Academic Partnership Lead For Dementia at Plymouth University, & Dr Edmund Jack GP.

Buffet Lunch

This is a FREE EVENT however BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL via

<https://talkaboutdementia.eventbrite.co.uk>



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SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICES & THOUGHT FOR JANUARY

Sunday	7 th Epiphany	14 th Epiphany 2	21 st Epiphany 3	28 th Epiphany 4
Aveton Gifford 11.00 am	Sunday Worship	Holy Communion	Joint Family Communion service in Modbury (10.30 am)	Family Communion
Bigbury 11.00 am	Combined Family Communion	Sunday Worship		Holy Communion*
Kingston 9.30 am	(see Bigbury)	Sunday Worship		Village Service
Modbury 9.30 am	Holy Communion	Family Service		Sunday Worship
Ringmore 9.30 am	(see Bigbury)	Sunday Worship		Family Communion

* Service in traditional language.

There is Holy Communion by Extension at the Korniloff, Bigbury-on-Sea at 2.30 pm on Tuesday 16th January.

OUR NEW VICAR WRITES . . .

The New Year can often bring many changes. As the new vicar of Modbury mission community this New Year has brought a new house, a new job, new churches, new school and a new born baby! We have moved from central Exeter to Modbury. The area of South Hams is not completely new to us as a family. My grandfather ran a market garden just outside of Plymouth in Elburton and so growing up I had many summer holidays on the beaches of Bigbury and Bantham.

However, I am not alone in experiencing change. As we look out to 2018 there are bound to be changes locally, nationally and internationally. It has been said that there is nothing permanent except change. You just need to look at how the cost of your shopping bag has increased over the years to see that. Back in 1980 a Mars bar would set you back 15p and today you would pay around 60p, but what makes it even more galling is that research shows Mars Bars have shrunk 28% since 1990. While a Mars bar might have set you back 15p in 1980 the average price of a house was £39,500. Good news for those who brought a house in 1980! Yet it's not just Mars bars and houses that change in price and size, all of us can be caught up in changes which are outside of our control and can be unsettling.

In times like this I have found wonderful comfort is knowing the unchanging Lord Jesus. One of the New Testament writers describes him like this: 'Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever.'

As I look ahead to the rest of 2018 I am looking forward to being part of the local communities that the Churches of the Modbury mission community serve. I am looking forward to helping people of all ages and backgrounds discover and follow the unchanging Lord Jesus Christ.

Matt Rowland



All Hallows Church, Ringmore

Alice Mason

It was with great sadness to announce that Alice, aged 102, passed away following a short illness. Alice became ill just before Christmas and was taken to hospital on Christmas Day, passing away on the morning of 29th December 2017. Alice was born on the 12th November 1915 in Well Cottage, which was owned by one of her uncles. She went to school in the village and at her own admission was often told off for laughing and talking too much. She then went on to Modbury School where she learnt the piano and joined the choir at age 10, leaving school at age 14. Alice started playing the All Hallows Church Organ in 1942 and played for the next 60 years. Our thoughts and prayers are with Alice's family at this sad time

Licensing of Reverend Matthew Rolland, Wednesday 17th January 2018

The Licensing service of Matthew, as our new Team Rector, will be conducted by the Bishop of Plymouth at St George's church Modbury on 17th January at 7.00pm. Matthew is married to Louise and they have two young daughters, Emily and Isabel with a very recent addition of a new son Joshua John. During the service Matthew will be introduced to the local church and wider community. Oaths are made to give assurance that the priest believes, speaks and acts in the way a Christian priest should, and that he or she is committed to priesthood in the Church of England. The Bishop then authorizes and commissions the priest followed by Matthew being welcomed by representatives from the parish, mission community, deanery, local churches and wider community. Your prayers are asked for Matt, Louise, and their children as they prepare for this new chapter in their life as a family and in Matt's ministry as our Team Rector. All are welcome to attend this service to welcome in and support our new Team Rector

Carol Service

What a really special evening we had at the Candlelit Carol Service held on the Sunday 17th December. First of all thanks to those who decorated the church so magnificently for the Christmas season; it was a real pleasure to walk into a building which looked so welcoming and festive. Rosemary and all the other flower ladies do such a wonderful job throughout the year and it looked and smelt very special at Christmas time. Thanks also to Rosemary and Mike for donating and expertly decorating the large Christmas Tree located alongside the Altar and Jackie and Michael for once

again lighting up the "squint" with their Nativity display. It was great to see the church packed full for the Carol service and to be part of the enthusiastic singing. Thanks also to those of you from the various village organisations who read out a lesson between the Carols. It can be quite a daunting task in front of so many people. The choir, the best ever according to the very many comments, was most professionally led by Adrian, and we are very grateful to him. Thanks also to Mike Wynne-Powell for providing the music and to all those who supplied the excellent refreshments washed down with the mulled wine to round off a very enjoyable evening. The mulled wine was donated by Dane and Hilary and our thanks go to them both for their very generous support throughout the year and an excellently run local shop. A number of battery operated candles used for the first time this year for the younger and more vulnerable adults were well received and reduced the risk of accidents. They produced a viable amount of light and it may be well worth investing in more for next year depending on their cost.

Christmas Seives

Both our Midnight Communion Service on December 24th led by Rev'd John Fisher and our Christmas Day service led by Adrian Bull were very well attended. It was very pleasing to see so many in the congregation despite the weather.

"Sound & Vision 4", January 26th An eclectic mix of Audio Visuals

Mike Wynne-Powell has kindly agreed to put on a Slide show of village events and sights near and far in the Parish room starting at 7.30pm. The Audio Visuals will include many new subjects. The doors open at 7.00pm for a glass of wine and a chance to view an Exhibition of photographs. Entrance is on the day with a £5 donation. Mike's events are very informative, easy on the eye, well supported and extremely good at jogging our memories of past events. (Please also see the poster elsewhere in the News Letter).

Prayer Chain

From time to time, most of us feel the need for prayer (whether or not we go to church). 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. These will be 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. Rosemary Wilson 810211 & Jenny Williams 810851. Some people have said they are worried about confidentiality when asking for prayer. I can assure them that one of the main conditions of joining the prayer chain is the promise never to discuss the requests apart from

the initial information being passed on. However it is always lovely to know that prayers have been answered (and they usually are, but not always when and how we expect!)

Kingsbridge Foodbank

Your support for the Foodbank has been considerable – well done and hopefully we can keep up the good work in 2018. The FOODBANK is here to help people in crisis in and around Kingsbridge. A container is placed in the Church Porch for items to be placed in which will be taken to the Foodbank every Thursday/Friday morning. They are currently welcoming donation of all types of non-

perishable items (except Baked Beans and Tea), toiletries such as Toothpaste, brushes and toilet rolls and all types of household cleaning materials. Many thanks for your help for our neighbours in need.

**WISHING YOU A HEALTHY 2018
FROM ALL HALLOWS**

(Phill Errett)



Did you know

Citizens Advice South Hams

- is a local independent charity
- last year helped over 4,300 local residents resolve over 9,040 problems with debt, housing, homelessness, disabilities, benefits and more
- champions citizens' and consumer rights
- watches for unfairness and campaigns for change
- is staffed mainly by volunteers
- relies on donations and funding

We need you

- as volunteer administrators and advisers - volunteering@southhamscab.org.uk
- as heroic fundraisers to join our Friends group - friends@southhamscab.org.uk
- to make donations to support our vital work - southhamscab.org.uk or by cheque made payable to South Hams Citizens Advice Bureau and posted to Follaton House, Plymouth Rd, Totnes, TQ9 5NE

Make a difference to peoples lives

**citizens
advice**

South Hams

Our advice line for problems is
03 444 111 444

Registered Charity No 1091133

Citizens Advice South Hams

Citizens Advice South Hams is a local independent charity and is one of over 300 local charities who together as members of the National Citizens Advice Bureaux make up the largest advice provider in England and Wales.

The Citizens Advice service helps people to resolve their problems, providing free, confidential, independent and impartial advice to everyone, informing them of their rights and responsibilities. The goal is to help everyone find a way forward with whatever problem they face. As an organisation it values diversity, promotes equality and challenges discrimination.

The issues that people have cover debt, housing, homelessness, disabilities, benefits, employment, consumer problems and more. Last year in the South Hams alone the charity helped over 4,300 residents resolve over 9,040 problems.

Citizens Advice watches for unfairness amongst the issues that clients present with and campaigns for change, influencing local and national policymakers and service providers. It is a major champion for citizens and consumer rights.

It is also staffed mainly by trained volunteers and relies on donations and funding to survive.

The local charity needs people to come forward as volunteers, as advisers, as administrators, as fundraisers and to help with PR. The type and length of training provided will depend on what role interests you. People from all walks of life volunteer, those who have retired, those who want to return to work and need current work experience, young people wanting to add work experience to their CV's and those who are looking for their next direction in life.

To find out more contact volunteering@southhamscab.org.uk

It also needs people to help fundraise, the initial training for an advice volunteer is between £750 - £1000, with annual costs to then support that volunteer (supervision, quality checks, office space and IT infrastructure, further training, travel) between £2,500- £3,000. Citizens Advice South Hams already has 45 volunteers and needs more. It needs people to help raise funds doing anything from cake bakes, pub quizzes to triathlons.

To find out more contact friends@southhamscab.org.uk

It needs donations so it can carry on with its vital work either by cheque made payable to South Hams Citizens Advice Bureau and posted to Follaton House, Plymouth Rd, Totnes, TQ9 5NE or by visiting its website southhamscab.org.uk

Thank you

For advice call 03 444 111 444 or come along to one of the drop in sessions at

Citizens Advice, Follaton House, Monday – Thursday, Between 10am – 1pm or 2pm – 4pm

Citizens Advice South Hams is a Registered Charity, number 1091133.



Alice Mason

1915 - 2017



Alice was born on the 12th November 1915 in Well Cottage, which was owned by one of her uncles. She went to school in the village and, at her own admission, was often told off for laughing and talking too much. She then went on to Modbury School where she learnt to play the piano and joined the choir at age 10; she left the school at age 14. Alice's uncle and father, after selling Well Cottage, bought a plot of land and built the two bungalows – Elmsleigh and Greenways (often known as Timber town), but initially the family lived in the cottage next to the Journey's End. She worked in Bigbury-on-Sea Post Office, but came home to look after her granny.

When Reverend Dade came to All Hallows she joined the church choir and also occasionally, played the organ. She carried on teaching the piano, but her real love was playing the organ. Her father was the village undertaker and Alice helped with laying-out and lining coffins. She met her husband following one of her father's sing song get togethers over the dead body! She became the All Hallows church organist in 1942 and continued playing for the next 60 years. She married Cyril, who came from Kent, in 1942. Her daughter Nora was born in 1945 and went to school in Modbury and Ivybridge. Cyril worked at the Devonport Shipyard. He passed away in 1952, having been ill for the previous three years from emphysema, probably from his time in the war.

Alice then had to find work, and looked after various people in the village. Nora decided to move to Kent because her auntie and uncle lived there and she couldn't find a job locally. She learnt hair dressing and met and married Chris. Alice's father died in 1968 and her mum in 1981 aged 92.

She was well known and entertained the village many times with her monologues, including one of her memorable tips to London. When she finally retired from playing the organ at All Hallows she moved to Kent staying with Nora and Chris in Bethersden. She subsequently moved to a residential care home in St Michaels, Kent. On July 15th 2008 she was invited to Buckingham Palace, which she thoroughly enjoyed. Another great pleasure was when she received the card from the Queen on her 100th Birthday in 2015.

She became ill just before Christmas and was taken to hospital on Christmas Day and died of pneumonia on the morning of 29th December 2017.



Round-up of December

December was a busy month for the W.I.

Carol Service

On the afternoon of Thursday 7th we played host to the Avon Group of W.I.s at the annual carol service, which was held in All Hallows Church, and it was lovely to see not only members, but husbands as well, and a good number of visitors. There were traditional carols, interspersed with Bible readings and poems. Judy Bull kindly agreed to be our speaker, and we are grateful to her for an inspiring talk. Thanks are also due to Mike Wynne-Powell, who provided the music on the hymnal and to all who took part. After the service everyone went back to the W.I. Hall where they enjoyed afternoon tea – with the usual array of delicious home-made cakes.

Bazaar

Two days later, we held our Christmas Bazaar, which this year was to raise funds for the Ringmore Night Landing Site for Devon Air Ambulance. There were stalls of Christmas wreaths, decorations and gifts, together with Christmas cakes, puddings, and a superb raffle which included three hampers. It was extremely well supported by villagers and visitors, who enjoyed the mulled wine and mince pies. At the close of the Bazaar, at lunchtime, we were able to send £572 towards the Night Landing Site project. So a very big “thank you” to all who supported the Bazaar and enabled it to be such a success.

Christmas Dinner

On the evening of 14th December, 13 members and partners (sadly depleted through the illness of members) enjoyed the annual dinner at the Journey's End. The pub was warm, welcoming and decorated for Christmas, which made for a truly festive occasion. The meal was delicious, with choices for starter, main course and dessert, and followed by coffee. Thank you, Tracy, Conor and your staff for making us so welcome.

Coming up in January

On Thursday 11th January Nick Allison, the Head Gardener at Saltram House, will be the speaker, and the title of his talk is

How does your garden grow?

His talk will cover the art of taking cuttings, planting, sowing and general tips. He is happy to answer questions, so whether you are a W.I. member or not, come along to the W.I. Hall at 8 pm. If you would like to know more about coming W.I. meetings, please give Jackie Tagent a ring on 810520.

Bigbury Memorial Hall

Calendar of Events December 2017- January 2018

<u>Day & Time</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Contact name</u>	<u>Tel. no</u>
Mon. 9.15 – 10.00	Aerobics	**Jill Gubbins	810651
10.05 – 11.05	Pilates	**Jill Gubbins	810651
19.00 – 20.15	Yoga	Fi Baker	07880498914
Tues. 17.30 - 19.30	Youth Club	Louise Pitt	07786860440
Wed. 9.30 – 11.45	South Hams Shrimps	Beccy Phelan	811179/ 07789111200
Thurs. 9.15 – 10.00	Aerobics	**Jill Gubbins	810651
10.05 – 11.05	Pilates	**Jill Gubbins	810651
11.15 – noon	Strong & Steady (plus tea & chat)	**Jill Gubbins	810651
13.00 -15.00	Bigbury Computing	++Phil Shea	810628/ 07777665872
19.30 – 21.30	South Hams Filling Station		
(3 rd Thurs. of each month excl. Dec and August)		Gilbert Snook	810017
Friday 11.00 - 12.00	Zumba	*Hannah Winzer	550712/ 07454003091

* No Zumba class on 1st December. Last class on 15th Dec.; restart 5th January.

** Jill's classes will finish on 14th December and restart on Monday 8th January

++ Phil's classes will finish on Thursday 14th December and restart in January.

December events:

Friday 1st December: Wine tasting 7.00pm. £10 per ticket from Holywell Stores.

Future events:

Friday 12th January : Quiz Night – tickets from Holywell Stores. See posters in Bigbury News, on the Community website and around the Parish..

50:100 Club (Promoted by Dane Vanstone). Tickets for this are all sold! 50% of the money goes in prizes and 50% to the Memorial Hall. November winners are Sheila Harrison (£25); Rose Owen (£15) and Pam Frost (£10).



**JAZZ AT THE
FISHERMAN'S
AVETON GIFFORD**

"Kingsbridge Jazz Club" is now firmly established at **The Fisherman's Rest** on the first Tuesday of the month, starting at 7.30pm (doors open 6.30). It has become a unique venue, much loved by the many top Jazz Bands who perform there.

We have professional and international musicians who play not only in the UK but around Europe and as far afield as New Orleans - some indeed have been granted the freedom of The City of New Orleans.

Come along and enjoy the high standard of live music that you would normally only expect to experience at a large city venue.

Bands for the next 2 months are as follows:

9th January ~ John Shillito Select Six

6th February ~ Grapelli Swing presented by Fret & Fiddle

www.aveton-gifford.co.uk/facilities/kingsbridge-jazz-club

www.facebook.com/kingsbridgejazzclub

1. unscramble the letters in each box below, then find the missing letter that completes each word. (the missing letter, indicated by the ?, is the same for each word)

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		E	M
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K		A	E
A	W	T	
	R	R	

The missing Letter is **W: WELCOME, WAITER, AWKWARD, WALTZ.**

2. Roger was shopping. He was with his sister`s maternal grandmother`s only daughter`s husband.
Who was roger shopping with?

HIS FATHER

3. Make your way from SICK to WELL in only 7 steps, changing 1 letter at a time to make a good English word at each step.

SICK. SICK RICK RICE RILE RILL TILL TELL WELL (There may be other ways)

WELL

4. What two words, formed from different arrangement of the same eight letters, can be used to complete the sentence below?

When she saw the sunlight ----- on the diamond ring the young man was holding out to her, the young lady got a ----- feeling that he was proposing to her.

GLINTING, TINGLING

5. A not quite-accurate quotation is hidden below.
Pick the right letter from the vertical letters below each space and find the quote.

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O H E R E S H I N D L
E U E I Y I N A V
T L N G

There`s a cloud behind every silver lining

6.

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tearfund

Soup Lunch

with fruit crumble dessert

Monday 8th January Ringmore W. I. Hall

12.00 - 2.00 p.m.

All proceeds in aid of tear fund

***Our local community here helping
third world local communities directly***



Letters to the Editor - write to ringmorenews@gmail.com .

Royal British Legion Events – Friday 10th November

Dear Editor

An Auction of Promises was held in the Journey's End arranged by Robbie Bristow. The evening raised an amazing total of £1,100 towards the Poppy Appeal. Very many thanks go to Robbie, Tracy & Conor for hosting the event and of course to Stuart Hext for being such a fantastic Auctioneer.

A huge thank you to James Stevenson for a very enjoyable evening on Saturday 11th November when he gave a light-hearted and amusing account of his two years National Service with the Royal Canadian Air Force. The talk was held in the Parish Room and was very well attended, raising a very respectable total of £140 which will be donated to the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal. Thank you James and also to Robbie for supplying the finger buffet for the evening.

Mary & Keith

Royal British legion - Poppy Day collection 2017

Dear Editor

Villagers should be interested to know that the total collected was £312.80, which I believe is the highest total in the 9 years I have been collecting. Thanks to all who contributed so generously.

Adrian Bull

Dear Editor

Below are details of a conference in Ivybridge on the 2nd February set up by the 4 Rivers Dementia Alliance which includes your parish. I would be grateful if you could include this information in your next Edition of the Parish Magazine as an item of local interest. Please feel free to shorten it if necessary. Attached is a poster for your information. (Please see the poster on page three)

With best wishes

Liz Hitchins,
Chairman of the 4 Rivers Dementia Alliance

'LET'S TALK ABOUT DEMENTIA IN OUR COMMUNITIES'

A conference promoting dementia friendly communities is being held on Friday 2nd February 2018 at The Watermark, Ivybridge from 9.30-3.00pm. Speakers include Gary Streeter MP, Ian Sherriff - Plymouth University, Helen Penwarden - Devon Federation of WI's and Dr. Edmund Jack GP.

Everyone welcome individuals, carers, groups, organisations & businesses. Come and join us to find out how to support people living with dementia in your community or share your ideas and experiences .Buffet lunch. This is a FREE event -Booking is essential via <https://talkaboutdementia.eventbrite.co.uk>. For more information contact Adrian@southhamscvs.org.uk Tel 01803 862266



Our District Councillor, Beth Huntley writes

As you read this I'll be trekking in the **Himalayas** challenging myself to reach **Annapurna Base Camp** 4,200 metres high in the mountains. As some of you will know for over a decade I've wanted to reach this camp where you can look up to 5 of the highest peaks on Earth. In January, temperatures are at their lowest, oxygen gets more and more limited past 2,000 metres and there may be up to half a metre of snow, that makes for a deep footfall every step of the way. I'm scared of the wobbly wooden bridges over the deep gorges but if I do not do this now while I'm still healthy, I'll never make it.

I have close family and neighbours who are suffering with Multiple Sclerosis and Motor Neurone Disease, 2 illnesses which prevent them from walking freely, let alone tackling the world's highest mountain range.

Growing up with my Dad who has had Multiple Sclerosis since he was 19, I've witnessed the debilitating effects of this disease all my life. I believe, at 92 he is England's longest MS survivor so I'm keen to help others in his position in any small way I can.

The 2 charities your donations will generously support - the Multiple Sclerosis Society and the Motor Neurone Disease Association - will enable vital research to make the lives of people like them easier.

Virgin Money Giving is a not for profit organisation and will claim Gift Aid on a charities behalf where the donor is eligible for this. I really appreciate all your support and thank you for your donations.

<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/ElizabethHuntley1>



Village Christmas Tree

This Christmas Madeleine Capps kindly allowed, once again, the use of her tree to be decorated with lights – thank you from all of us in the village, it really is appreciated. It provided a very welcoming sight to anyone coming into the village. Thanks also to David, Ron, Ian and Mike for putting the lights on the tree. Some damage to the lights has occurred over the years but hopefully they will last another year, depending of course, on what weather is thrown at them again this wild, wet and windy Christmas period.

Ringmore resident Noah Capps - Now competing on the world surfing stage



I am delighted to include this (edited) article that was recently published in the Gazette. Living close by to the Capps family I can report that it is a rare occasion for you to see Noah with dry hair! I'm sure everyone will join me in wishing Noah success in 2018 and the years ahead. He is clearly a very talented young surfer.

"15-year-old Kingsbridge Community College student Noah Capps, has concluded a fantastic year by topping the Under 16 UK Pro Tour rankings. Still a year younger than most of his competitors, Noah sealed the title at the last tour event in Newquay, Cornwall and was presented with the coveted trophy at the award evening. In a year that has seen Noah compete all over the country and in Morocco, Spain and Scotland, he has finished as English National Champion, Surfaced Pro Champion, Jesus Surf Classic Champion and Thurso Surf Festival Champion.

Noah also represented England in Miyazaki in Japan for the World Surfing Championships in September; an amazing opportunity to gain experience on the World Stage. Despite surfing in the Under 18 division he still progressed through two rounds against much older opposition. Noah is managing to balance his college work around his busy schedule of surfing, travelling and training and is keen to keep this up. Head of PE at Kingsbridge Helen Tully commented "Noah has done incredibly well to have gained representative honours at such a young age. The experience he is gaining on the world stage is truly remarkable and we wish him every success as he continues to better his performance and carve a career in the sport he lives and breathes."

Noah is off to Fuerteventura at Christmas to train and film, then Portugal in February and again in April for the first Pro Junior on the World Tour in Europe. Noah is proud to be supported by Protest Sportswear, Luke Young Surfboards, Trioceansurf and Ocean and Earth. He also regularly trains with Martin Connolly at Discoverysurf."





National Trust

We hope you have all had a great festive season and a wonderful start to the New Year.

Throughout January we will be continuing our work on footpath improvements, scrub cutting and tree works. Bigbury parish council and footpath warden approached us earlier in the year to ask for easier access to the beach along Clematon Hill path as people are finding the steep steps difficult to use. We have been successful in securing funding from our partners at the South West Coast Path to create a small switchback path to replace the steps by the beach and allow easier access.

We will also be improving the path through the meadow leading down to Wembury beach by levelling it out with the use of a mini digger making it easier to walk. We plan to do this in late January or February when we hopefully will have a dry spell of weather.

The Pay and Scan car park ticket machines at Wembury, South Milton and Bolberry are now operational. The National Trust is a charity and does not receive direct funds from the government and so we rely on Memberships and car parking charges to fund our work. These machines only accept coins for payment but more importantly they scan membership cards and provide a free ticket. For every member card scanned our area will receive £1 from central National Trust which is vital funds for our conservation and improvement works across the stunning South Devon coast. With 60-70% of our visitors coming to our sites in South Devon already members (which is fantastic) these funds are provided in order to offset the impact of member visits such as increased wear and tear of footpaths, car park areas and facilities.

The community orchard at Ringmore will be having some fencing and tree guard works completed shortly so that we will be able to graze sheep in the orchard to reduce the need for grass cutting in the summer months. A gate will be installed so that access to the orchard will not be impeded. We will also be looking to plant a couple more heritage variety trees and cut back some of the branches from nearby trees which are reducing the light into the orchard.

For information regarding the work of the South Devon National Trust team please call Lorna Sherriff on 01548 562344 or email lorna.sherriff@nationaltrust.org.uk

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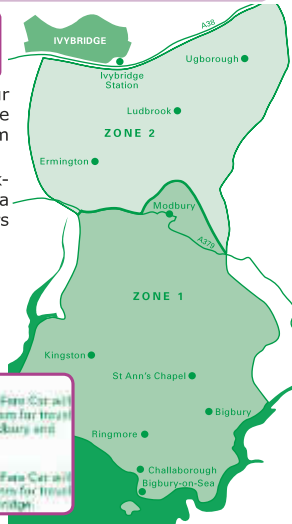
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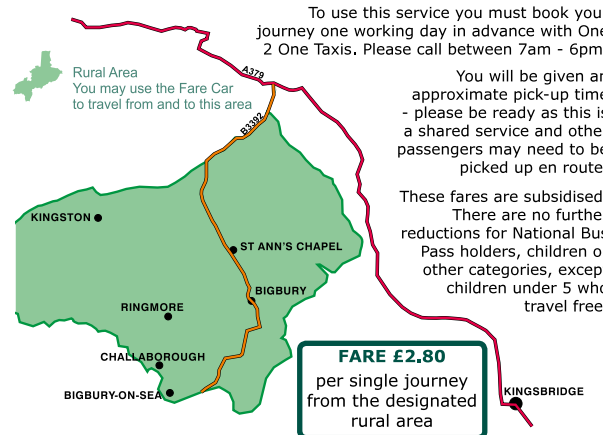
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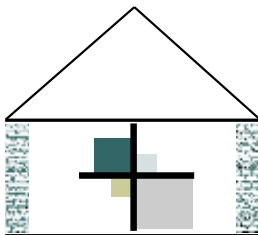
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