# Ringmore Parish Newsletter

## January 2017

Edited by David

Deadline for February: 27th Jan



#### **RINGMORE DIARY DATES**

Monday: Short Mat Bowls, Parish Room, from 9<sup>th</sup> January to 27<sup>th</sup> March Tuesday: Table Tennis, Parish Room

#### January 2017

- 9 Tearfund Lunch, WI Hall 12.00 2.00pm
- 10 Parish Council meeting. WI Hall, 7.30pm
- 12 WI Talk, Congo, WI Hall, 7.30pm
- 14 Parish Room Film Evil Under the Sun 7.00pm
- 18 Ringmore Historical Society talk *Devon's Cob Building Tradition*- WI Hall 7.30pm
- 19 *'The Filling Station'* meeting, Bigbury Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 24 Mobile Library, Church, 11.50-12.20pm
- 27 Sound and Vision 3, Parish Room, 7.00pm

#### February

- 6 Tearfund Lunch, WI Hall 12.00 2.00pm
- 7 Parish Room Committee Meeting 10.00am Parish Council Meeting. WI Hall 7.30pm
- 9 WI Talk, Toastmasters then and now, WI Hall, 7.30pm
- 11 Parish Room Film Rabbit Proof Fence 7.00pm

- 15 Ringmore Historical Society Talk *The Art of the Devon Garden* WI Hall, 7.30pm
- 18 Local Artists' exhibition Coffee & Cake, Parish Room, 10.30am
- 21 Mobile Library, Church, 11.50-12.20pm
- 28 Pancake Day, Parish Room, 10.30am

#### March

- 6 Tearfund Lunch, WI Hall 12.00 2.00pm
- 8 PCC Meeting, Parish Room, 7.30pm
- 9 WI Talk, *Riding for Life Delivering Blood*, WI Hall 7.30pm
- 14 Parish Council meeting. WI Hall 7.30pm
- 15 Ringmore Historical Society Talk Dartmouth Then and Now - WI Hall, 7.30pm
- 21 Mobile Library, Church, 11.50-12.20pm
- 29 APCCM, All Hallows, 7.30pm

Welcome to the January 2017 issue of the Ringmore Newsletter. A Happy New Year to you all! This is the first January edition for some time (if ever) and I feel it has been worth doing as there is a lot to report and a lot coming up in the next few weeks. It never fails to surprise me exactly how many interesting activities are available in Ringmore and Challaborough if you wish to get involved in them. The run up to Christmas was very busy for me and for many of our village friends and helped add to the excitement of this special time of year. One of the undoubted highlights was the village carol service which is described elsewhere in this newsletter. Suffice to say it was a delightful evening where all the hard work and preparation paid off in full! I feel we are very lucky in Ringmore to have residents who are so willing to give of their time and efforts to events such as the carol service, the village fete and all the groups that get together in the Parish room and the WI hall. If you are yet to get involved in any of these then do think about giving one or other of them a try in the New Year. You won't regret it.

And so to 2017 and our expectations of the year ahead. Have you made any resolutions for the New Year and expect to keep them? I plan to reduce my golf handicap and do more planting and cultivation in our garden at Kachelo this year; both ambitions which might end in failure!

A glance at the letters page last month and in this issue highlights some strongly held views and opinions about potential development plans on the edge of the village. Whilst I would not wish to see the newsletter simply become the mouthpiece for opinions on contentious parish concerns, I do think it important that villagers have an outlet for their views on issues they feel will affect them and others in the village. So I will always include any correspondence received provided it is fair and not injurious to any party. So do let me know what you think.

I have enjoyed editing the newsletter for these past few months and must acknowledge my gratitude to all of you who supply the content. It is quite a commitment to send in regular reports by the deadline each month, but without them we would not have a newsletter. So my thanks to all contributors. Once printed the newsletter is distributed to the delivery people in the village who ensure you receive your copy at the beginning of each month. I am very grateful to them for getting the newsletter to your door.

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

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## **CHURCH SERVICES & THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH**

	Bigbury 11.00 am	Kingston 9.30 am	Ringmore 9.30 am
1st January	Family Communion	Family Communion	Sunday Worship
8th January	Sunday Worship	Sunday Worship	Sunday Worship
15th January	Sunday Worship	Holy Communion	Village Service
17th January (Tuesday)	Korniloff Communion (2.30 pm)		·
22nd January	Holy Communion*	Village Service	Family Communion
29th January			Benefice Service (10.30 am)

\* Service in traditional language

## AD 2017

As we get older, so the years seem shorter. Yet as we look forward into the New Year, the next 365 days seem a long time.

The World seems to change so radically in a short space of time and we feel a bit lost. Leaders change, governments fall, markets fluctuate and wars too easily arise. The weather pattern seems to get more extreme and the solid nature of our planet seems to more subject to violent earthquakes and tsunamis. On the human scale, greater numbers of people crowd our planet, the landscape becomes more urbanised and technology changes the way we think and communicate.

One of our hymns says 'change and decay in all around I see,' yet there is still revealed to us all, that behind the future there is a constant factor or covenant of love and joy, truth and justice, which can be found in the nature of the world. We are living in and exploring its wonder and the spiritual quality of our surroundings and environment, which encourage a view of divinity, in the purpose of life.

The New Year brings an opportunity to start again in our lives, to resolve to give more time and thought to the God in Creation, the God in other people, partners and children, and for time given up by others in friendship and caring.

The world of nature helps us to see the same divinity in the physical world. The lesson is Our God is like a loving Father/Mother; in Jesus we see God as a human being, and in the Holy Spirit we find the guiding light which calls us to take up the challenge of the future. If we listen to what is being communicated, we learn the pattern of the new kingdom, which is open to all mankind.

May I wish you a Happy and Peaceful New Year,

## Michael Wilkinson

Rector: The Revd Neil Barker (830260: any day except Monday) Readers: Joyce Howitt (01364 73093), Chris Lally (521587), Michael Tagent (810520) **Website: www.modburyteam.org** 



#### **Carol Service**

What a really special evening we had at the Candlelit Carol Service held on the Sunday before Christmas. 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.

# **"Sound & Vision – 3", January 29th** An eclectic mix of Audio Visuals

Mike Wynne-Powell has kindly agreed to put on a Slide show of village events, sights near and far, in the Parish room starting at 7.30pm. The Audio Visuals will include:- 50 days of a Kestrel nest from eggs to fledging. Views of Gaudi's Barcelona. Alternative Barcelona A morning at Ayrmer Cove???. Ringmore Open Gardens. Wild Life. Surfers and many many more. 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 2017. 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 morning. They are currently welcoming donation of all types of nonperishable 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 2017



# W.I. Christmas News

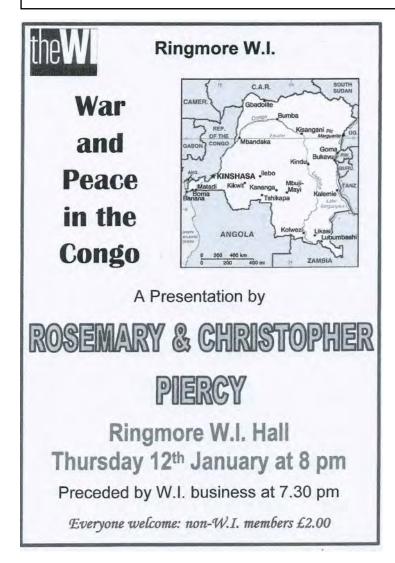
Instead of the usual monthly meeting in December, Ringmore W.I. held a Christmas Quiz evening in aid of The Triangle Centre at South Hams Hospital. About 30 people, including visitors and husbands enjoyed questions on a variety of subjects which had been prepared by James and Jane Stevenson.



At the interval we tucked into a delicious buffet supper which had been put together by our president and members. The evening concluded with a seasonal raffle, and raised £220.50 for The Triangle Centre. Everyone agreed that it definitely got us all into the spirit of Christmas.

On Saturday 10th December we held our Christmas Bazaar in the W.I. Hall. Although it was a dull morning weather-wise, it didn't stop people coming. Not only were there traditional Christmas cakes for sale, there were beautiful holly wreaths, hand-made cushions and lovely red stockings just waiting to be filled. There were books for sale by one of our local authors, gifts galore – and of course mulled wine and mince pies. The Hall was packed with grandparents, parents and excited children not knowing what to look at next. It was a great success, and we say a big "thank you" to all who contributed to a very happy morning.

On behalf of the Committee, I want to thank everyone for their support during 2016, and to wish you all every happiness throughout the coming year.



Jackie Tagent

## SHORT MAT BOWLS

Come and have some fun!



We're not professionals Our bowling is often erratic We sometimes hit the jack!

But we enjoy ourselves.

No matter how old or young you are, join us every Monday at 7.30 pm in the Parish Room.

No previous experience necessary!





#### **ONIONS FROM BRITTANY, OCTOBER 2016**

Why Britanny? Because Roscoff onions have a unique flavour and it seemed like a good idea to nip across the Channel to get some. But why not go via Spain? Was somebody trying to put us off when reminding us that the distance would be close on 1000 miles of motoring and that the combined ages of car and occupants totalled 210 years?

As the only Classic car in the queue for the Plymouth ferry we soon found ourselves surrounded by weepy-eyed drivers with fond memories of the Stag species. Somebody (he wasn't a doctor) asked us if we had cured our water problems! Will the Stag's reputation for overheating never die?

Here's Jane on board the Ponte Aven about to eat something delicious in the swanky restaurant. Our cabin had economical one- up-one-down bunks but the distance between the rungs on the ladder proved a bit too much for octogenarian knees so after heaving off the mattress James slept on the



floor. Soon after breakfast the Stag, as expected, started first time and echoed thunderously as we drove off the ferry at Santander.

Our first B&B was in the hills of Northern Spain. And by the way, the rain in Spain does NOT stay mainly in the plain! After an indifferent supper but feather-bedded night in a grand old country house we moved on. We had aimed to avoid the traffic nightmare of Bilbao but Joanna Lumley, speaking with authority from our Satnav, teased us into the thick of it and led us into cul-de-sacs before putting us back on the right road. We crossed the border into France, waved through by a platoon of Gendarmes who eyed us suspiciously.

We found St Jean de Luz but no thanks to Miss Lumley who had never heard of the place. This was the only nightstop where we hadn't pre-booked but happily found a small hotel with a balcony and sea views. Off again next morning and, as this is was the shortest leg of the journey, we took narrow tarmac paths leading through Aquitaine carrot- growing country and, after much head-scratching, managed to decipher the mysteries of buying petrol from a robot pump on our way to Ychoux.



And so to bed at an inn called Au Petit Creux des Landes with the prospect of tackling Bordeaux's ring-road in the morning. Next day, after circling

Bordeaux towards the Gironde estuary, we located our next B&B then drove on to Blaye, an ancient riverside town complete with citadel where we had lunch on the pavement served by a



Liverpudlian waiter. Here we see Jane the Navigator planning the route back to our B&B at St Ciers de Canesse run by a kitchenand bound lady her extremely talkative daughter seemed who anxious Brexit. about Before dinner we



strolled past an enormous vineyard, sat by a swimming pool (but didn't go in) and enjoyed a delicious home-cooked supper. We were the only guests, again proving that October is a quiet month for tourists. We left in thick fog and headed





Le Logis Saint Martin was a quiet haven in idyllic surroundings but "value for money" was the box it didn't tick. We arrived in the afternoon, checked in and went for a long (for us) stroll to the priory village of St Maixent L'Ecole in search of a late lunch. But no, this is France – lunch is never



served after 2pm. Having skirted round the priory we found some shops but even the Creperie was closed. But what is that at the far end of the street? Ice cream and a small box of chocolates eaten at a table on the premises solved the problem. Our hotel dining room was like the set of a Zorro film with suits of armour and coats of arms. We chose "special tail of beef" from the English menu, foolishly expecting oxtail stew but got slabs of veal instead. In the morning we wheeled our luggage out to the Stag and closed the boot, but when Jane needed something from her case the boot wouldn't open however hard we tried.



Oh well, let's press on to Cholet and forget about it. Our next stop was a motel with a popular

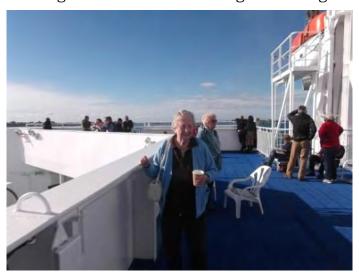


restaurant next door, but how to enjoy this place with no toothbrush etc? Consulting a phrase book we explained our problem whereupon a large chef appeared holding up a hammer: "Zis iz ze French Way" - but, using a screwdriver, he cleverly opened the boot to reveal the problem the edge of a canvas bag had been trapped by the lid thus putting uneven pressure on the lock. After a peaceful night we noticed that the town full of rallying cyclists was causing the Gendarmes to close most of the

"Autres Directions", which made mley.

our exit from Cholet problematic even for Ms Lumley.

Knowing that our final B&B would be unable to serve dinner we decided on a substantial lunch instead. Ploermel was the obvious place but why drive around a strange town without knowing where to go? We telephoned James's son Henry



in Trowbridge, his Google turned several likely restaurants and he steered us (by phone) to a delicious Italian meal.

Next stop was Chateau Bily in the village of La Cheze, a farmhouse taken over by the German army during WW2. After breakfasting on crepes, croissants and home-made jams, we drove 100 miles in heavy rain and bought Roscoff onions in the sunshine. Having worked out the queuing system at the docks we drove onto the



ferry and sailed in sunshine to Plymouth, but our headlights were barely able to penetrate the monsoon that hit us when we drove off at 8.30pm that evening. After downing a couple of whiskies (and hanging up all those onions) we slept soundly in our own bed at last.

# **Ringmore Historical Society**

#### Memories of Ringmore from Anne Lambell.

My grandfather bought Houghton Farm in 1926. He and his family - Dad was one of nine - didn't move into Houghton until 1928, as they also owned a farm in Ermington at the time. Dad and Mum were married in 1926 and lived with my mothers' parents in Ivybridge until 1931. Dad would come out to Houghton Farm every day from Ivybridge. My sister Barbara was born in Ivybridge in 1928. Dad built 'Kimberly' in 1931, as mother refused to live at the farmhouse with dad's family for any longer.

I was born in September 1931. My first memory was when I was about three. Although 'Kimberly' is in Bigbury Parish, my parents always attended Ringmore Church where dad was a sidesman for many years. The vicar at the time was the Reverend Dade and he and his wife were the last members of the clergy to live at the old Rectory, now 'The Old Castle'. My family had the front pew in the church and as Reverend Dade and the choir walked past I always threw my teddy bear in front of them for Reverend Dade to pick up! My grandfather who built 'Westbury' in early 1929 often read the lessons. I feel sad sometimes to think that I am the only one left now of the old Ringmorians that was born here and still have three generations living here at 'The Barn'- Jennifer Borne my daughter and John and my grandson James.

When I was a child, there was an allotment where 'Trewarne' is now. 'Cumberland Cottages' was four cottages and friends of my parents called 'Peirce' lived there, Aunty Pierce as we called her.

Dickey Ryder delivered the post. He and his wife and daughter (Monica) lived at 'The Laurels'. Monica was a cousin to Margret Locke and Alice Mason.

'Hill Cottage' was two cottages. Ernest Freeman and his wife (no relation to George Freeman) lived in one and a retired schoolmistress, Miss Frances in the other. 'Smugglers Cottage' (a dreadful twee name that a Mrs. Marriot gave it in the 60's), was run as a small school, by a Miss Truscott, that I attended for a short while. It slips my mind what the cottage was called then. Friends of my parents, Admiral and Mrs. Chapman bought it and called it 'Cypress Cottage'.

The 'Nook' was a small barn where Bessy Ryder and her husband milked their one cow and stabled their horse,

Ginger. The cow and horses were turned out into what is now my field behind the 'Nook'. I can see Bessy now pumping water from the pump, which was beside the front door of 'Rock Cottage', which was where they lived.

Jean Rodgers and her parents lived at the top end of 'Ivy Cottage' and Mr. Rodgers ran a taxi service. 'Cross Manor' was owned by a Mrs. Knowles who had a pony called 'Snowball'. She sometimes used to take us to Mothercombe for a picnic in her trap. 'Quarry Park' was owned and built by Mr. and Mrs. Hunter (their son Donald married dad's niece, my cousin May). Mr. Hunter owned what is now the JE's car park and had a garage with one petrol pump. There is a flight of stone steps coming down from the "Quarry Park" garden into the JE car park, which are still there. 'The Old School House' was first used as a Sunday school, which Barbara and I attended. Emily and Carrie Scobie ran the Sunday school. However after a while, I think, through a lack of children attending, Carrie ran it as a library. They lived at the Manor.

'The Parish Room' was then 'The Men's Room' where there was a billiard table for the men of the village because the women had the W.I. hall. I well remember the dances that were held there, which I was allowed to attend once I had left school at sixteen. A well-known band at the time from Plymouth called 'Frankie Fudge and his band' always played for the dances.

I was sent away to boarding school when I was nine until sixteen and was always dreadfully homesick and never got used to being away from home. I had a wonderful childhood in Ringmore and have such happy memories.

Since I was a child there has been forty-two new properties and nine barn conversions in Ringmore Parish. Ringmore is still the friendly village that it always was with some lovely people that have come and gone over the many years that I have lived here. There are still a few left who have been here for many years and raised their families here. And we have had many kind and caring people move in over the years that do a lot to help keep Ringmore the lovely country village it has always been. I hope I shall be here for several years yet.

Anne Lambell

#### Dear Editor

Our thanks and praise go out for the Carol Service held at All Hallows on Sunday evening (18<sup>th</sup> Dec). The choir was wonderful; the lessons were given with feeling; and not forgetting the children singing - who of course stole the show!

Our congratulations to Adrian and all who took part.

Anne and Brian Lambell

Dear Editor,

With reference to Richard Baker's letter in the December news letter regarding the proposed planning application, I believe that this is a misuse of the newsletter. Let me state that I have no opinion one way or the other about the proposal at this stage but I can fully understand those affected by it opposing the development. However, there are proper channels through which opposition can be directed, i.e. Parish Council meetings, District Councillor, S.H.D.C and, I am sure, the inevitable open meeting that is bound to be held in the village. That is where claims, and counter claims, can be refuted or verified - which is not possible in the forum of the news letter. Some of the content in Mr. Baker's letter is, I believe, open to question and seeks to promote speculation and fear which is equally divisive in a small community.

If we have learnt nothing else in 2016 it is surely that the promotion of speculation and fear can have unexpected, and often unwelcome, results – it has given Brexit to Europe and Donald Trump to the World!

Unfortunately I was unable to attend the meeting at which Mr Boyt gave his presentation, but I have read with great interest the 'letter to the editor' written by Richard Baker in reply to Mr Boyt & feel that he, Richard Baker, makes some very relevant & important points.

What is it that makes living in this idyllic village, for the most part it is the fact that it remains fairly unspoiled & has a low density of housing. There has been some development in the past & one has to say that it has not always been done in the best interests of the village. Some redevelopment has also been done with great empathy which for the most part was redeveloping existing barns & outbuildings.

With all the housing now being built in Modbury & the huge development of the 'new town' in Sherford I cannot for the life of me see houses built in Ringmore as being in any way of use to the village. It is unlikely that they will be affordable to the young in need of housing & whilst it may be a lovely place to live for a young family they will need transport or take their lives in their hands trying to negotiate the lane with push chairs & small children & having done so, go where? The lanes are barely able to cope with the traffic as it is.

There are always developers waiting in the wings for just such planning permission to be granted & once the precedent has been set it will be very difficult to set boundaries.

There is a huge likelihood that they will be bought/sold as 'holiday' homes & like a number of existing homes in the village be empty for a number of months throughout the year.

Please let us keep our lovely unspoiled corner what it is, lovely & unspoiled. There is room for development in the right places, RINGMORE is NOT one of them.

Stephanie & Will Grey

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Dear Editor

The Village Christmas Tree

This Christmas Madeleine Capps kindly allowed 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 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 this year.

Phill Errett

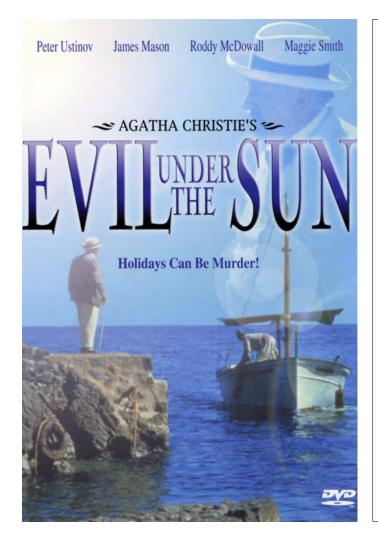
When I am an old woman I shall wear purpleWith a red hat which doesn't go, and doesn't suit me.And I shall spend my pension on brandy and summer glovesAnd satin sandals, and say we've no money for butter.I shall sit down on the pavement when I'm tiredAnd gobble up samples in shops and press alarm bellsAnd run my stick along the public railingsAnd make up for the sobriety of my youth.I shall go out in my slippers in the rainSubmitting thisAnd pick flowers in other people's gardensAnd learn to spit.

You can wear terrible shirts and grow more fat And eat three pounds of sausages at a go Or only bread and pickle for a week And hoard pens and pencils and beermats and things in boxes.

But now we must have clothes that keep us dry And pay our rent and not swear in the street And set a good example for the children. We must have friends to dinner and read the papers.

But maybe I ought to practice a little now? So people who know me are not too shocked and surprised When suddenly I am old, and start to wear purple.

## Jenny Joseph



My thanks to Rosemary Wilson for submitting this piece.



#### Advance Notice

22<sup>nd</sup> March Kingston Reading Room at 7.30pm

Acoustic roots duo - Mambo Jambo -

Tickets £5 Child, £7.50 Adult, Family £20 in advance

£7.50, £10, £25 on the door

Refreshments and raffle

Christine Thomas 01548 811242

PARISH ROOM FILM NIGHT

Saturday 14 January 2017

## EVIL UNDER THE SUN

starring Peter Ustinov, Diana Rigg

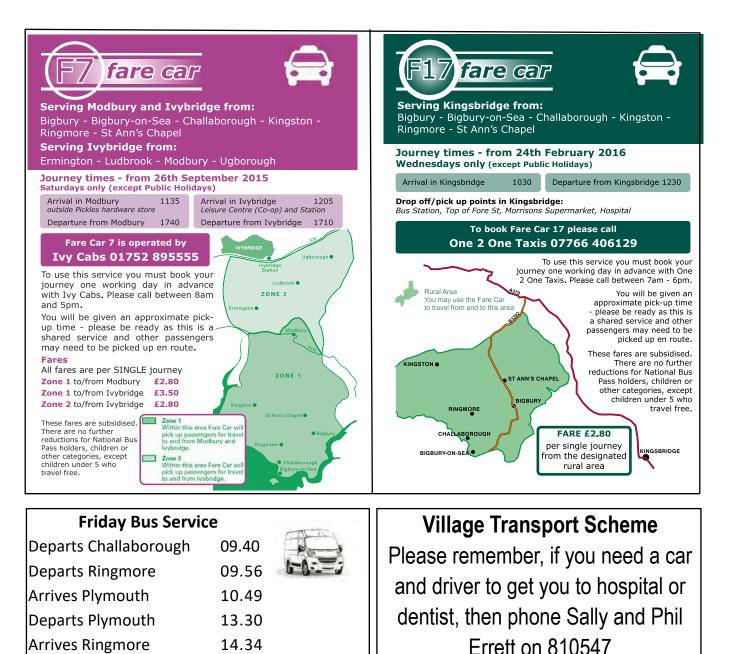
and Maggie Smith

A 1982 mystery film based on a novel of the same name by Agatha Christie, written in 1941 when she was staying on Burgh Island. Poirot's rehabilitation health retreat on an island resort becomes an even more stimulating mental exercise when a flirtatious film star is found strangled on a nearby beach.

DOOR OPEN 7.00pm FOR WELCOME DRINK

FILM STARTS 7.30 pm

£5.00



Arrives Challaborough 14.38

VILLAGE WHEELCHAIR

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).

I met the bloke who invented crosswords today. I can't remember his name, it's P something T something R- (Tim Vine)



Rainfall locally, December Actual: 24 mm

10 Year Low: 24 mm (2016) 10 Year High: 261 mm (2012) 10 Year Average: 109 mm

South Hams District Council:

Devon County Council: Report lost property to police:

Report highway problems & faults:

Useful websites:

www.southhams.gov.uk

www.devon.gov.uk www.reportMyloss.com

www.devon.gov.uk/road maintenance



Firstly we would like to wish you all a Happy New Year for 2017. At this time of year scrub clearance is a major part of our winter work and is likely to be taking place somewhere on our land at some time in the next few months. It can look dramatic, but is vital for the restoration of the protected coastal grasslands. The aim is to keep a mosaic of scrub patches for shelter and use by breeding birds and to increase the diversity of both the flora and fauna on the site. We then bring grazing animals to these areas to help manage the gorse re-growth.

Winter is also the time when storms become more frequent and so thank you to all the people who help keep Ayrmer Cove beach litter free, doing a bit of litter picking everytime you walk the area really helps and is very much appreciated. The first of our 2017 events will be the annual beach clean at Ayrmer Cove, the date for your diary is 25 March 2017 and the more people we can get to attend the better.

2016 was also a fantastic year for the orchard in Ringmore woods and thank you to the volunteers who have helped throughout the year. The orchard weekend was a great success and will hopefully become an annual event for harvesting and pressing the apples from the orchard. The orchard needs maintaining throughout the year and our thanks go to John Reynolds the volunteer orchard co-ordinator for all his hard work to keep this challenging work under control. If you are interested in getting involved then please contact John directly, practical help in the orchard is always welcome.

Please stop and have a chat to the team if you see us out working or if you have any comments about the work of the National Trust. For further information please call Lorna Sherriff on 01548 562344 or email lorna.sherriff@nationaltrust.org.uk

#### Sue Ford Volunteer Community Ranger

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#### Dear Editor

On behalf of the Sailors' Society, I want to thank Tracy and Connor and the JE staff for selling my knitted Teddies. I have sent a cheque for £105 to the Society.

Thank you all, Andrea Young.

(The Sailors' Society is an international Christian charity working in ports across the world. They provide a lifeline for seafarers at sea, in ports around the world and at home. Ed)



**Mobile Library Service** 

Jan 24, Feb 21, Mar 21, Apr 18, May 16, Jun 13, Jul 11, Aug 8,

Sep 5, Oct 3 and Oct 31, Nov 28

Ringmore Church: 11.50 to 12.20

Bigbury on Sea, Cleveland Drive: 12.40 to 13.25

Bigbury Green: 14.00 to 14.30



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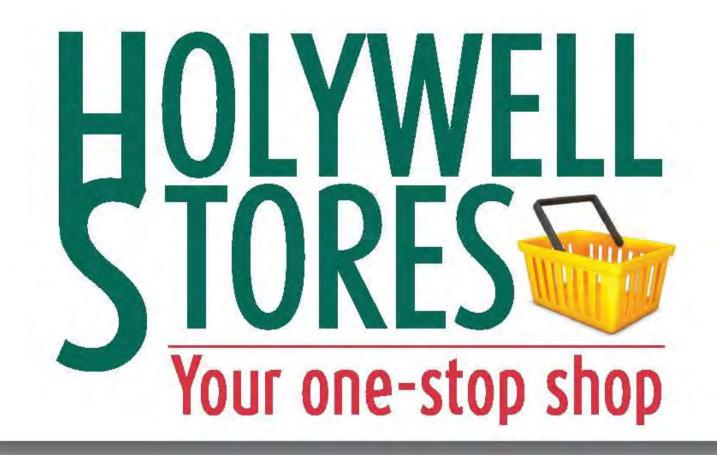
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