

Ringmore Parish Newsletter

April 2018

Edited by David

Deadline for May, 25th April



RINGMORE DIARY DATES

Short Mat Bowls: Monday evenings from October 7.30pm

Tuesday: Table Tennis, Parish Room 8.00pm

April

- 1 Easter Sunday Family Communion, All Hallows 11.00am
- 1&2 Easter Teas, WI Hall
- 4 CACKLERS, meet at the Journeys End at 7.30pm
- 7 Coffee Morning in aid of *Ringmore Night Landing Site*, WI Hall 10.30am
- 10 Ringmore Parish Council Meeting, 7.00pm WI Hall
- 12 WI Meeting *Wine tasting with Dane* WI Hall 7.30pm
- 17 WI Meeting to BBC Radio Devon
- 18 RHS Meeting '*The Lime Kilns of South Devon*', WI Hall, 7.30pm.
- 19 APCC Meeting, All Hallows 7.30pm
Filling Station meeting . Bigbury Mem Hall, 7.30pm
- 21 Defibrillator and CPR training, WI Hall, 11.00am
- 24 Mobile Library Ringmore, 11.50am - 12.20pm

30 Table Tennis Singles, Parish Room, 7.30pm

May

- 3 Parish Room Committee AGM, 10.00am, followed by committee meeting. All villagers welcome
- 7 WI May Fair, WI Hall and Garden, 2.30pm
- 8 Ringmore Parish Council Meeting 6.45pm, followed by PC AGM 7.30pm
- 10 WI Resolutions and Annual meeting, WI Hall, 7.30pm
- 16 RHS Meeting, '*The History of Mountbatten*', WI Hall, 7.30pm.
- 22 Mobile Library Ringmore, 11.50am - 12.20pm

Save the dates: 8, 9 & 10th June
- Flower Festival, All Hallows



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Waterside Property



The Dolphin Inn, Kingston

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Welcome to the Dolphin Inn. We serve a selection of home cooked meals using local produce and offer bed and breakfast accommodation in a traditional building opposite the pub.



This is a great village pub with a warm welcome to all.

From the Editor.....

Welcome to the April issue of the newsletter, written at the end of most unusual month weather wise. March began with a significant snow event for us which effectively cut off the village for a couple of days to vehicular traffic. A number of villagers rose to the challenge to clear some of the roadways and to help less mobile neighbours. Well done all of you, and a big **thank you** to Jem Deverson for all the gritting work he performed on and around 1st of the month - see cover image. I was expecting to include a spring photo from the end of the month alongside the winter shots from the start of the month but it seems spring is still to gain a prominent foothold as we now turn to April.

Last month I featured a short article about a proposed

Spring Clean-Up in the village. We wanted to find out if folk in the villages felt there was much that needed doing and if they were interested in helping. To date, the response has been minimal so we are very doubtful that such an event is wanted by residents.

Should the situation change and more villagers contact us we will think again. In the meantime, I can confirm that John Reynolds has arranged on behalf of the Parish Council for a skip to be located in the usual places on Saturday 21st April (see below).

If you have any comments or suggestions to make these will be gratefully received at

ringmorenews@gmail.com or by telephone to 811212.

David

SPRING CLEAN HOUSEHOLD WASTE CONTAINER

SATURDAY 21ST APRIL 2018



The Parish Council has organised a skip to be available to Parishioners for the disposal of unwanted household items and garden waste. This service will be operated by West

Country Skip Hire from Saltash, as South Hams Containers are no longer operating.

The service will be available at Challaborough for around one hour from 9.30am and in Ringmore from 9.00am to 3.00pm.

WCSH personnel will be on hand to assist.

Ringmore Parish Council

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

Lizzie Andrews 01548 810615

Sandy Hammond 01548 810572

Karen Purdy 01548 810382

Jane Reynolds 01548 811218

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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SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICES & THOUGHT FOR APRIL

	Aveton Gifford 11.00 am	Bigbury 11.00 am	Kingston 9.30 am	Modbury 9.30 am	Ringmore 9.30 am
1 st Easter Day	Easter Communion	Easter Communion	Easter Communion	Easter Communion	Easter Communion (11.00 am)
8 th	Communion by Extension	Sunday Worship	Sunday Worship	Lay led Service	Sunday Worship
15 th	Lay led Service	Sunday Worship	Sunday Worship	Holy Communion	Village Service
22 nd	Holy Communion	Holy Communion*	Village Service	Sunday Worship	Holy Communion
29 th					Team Service (10.30 am)

* Service in traditional language.

There is Holy Communion at the Korniloff, Bigbury-on-Sea at 2.30 pm on Tuesday 17th April.

HE KNOWS

All the people who had ever lived were assembled before God's throne. They were sullen, complaining and murmured "who does God think he is, anyway?" One of the groups was composed of Jews who had suffered in gas chambers and concentration camps: how could God know their suffering? Another group was slaves, people branded who had suffered indignities at the hands of cruel men. What could God know about their plight? There were long lines of refugees – people driven from their homes, sick, suffering, each with a complaint against God. What could he know of what human beings were forced to endure?

From each group a leader was chosen, and a commission appointed to draw up the case against the Almighty. Instead of God judging them, they began judging God. And the verdict was that God should be sentenced to live on earth as a human being with no safeguards to protect his divinity. Let him be born a Jew, and born poor. Let even the legitimacy of his birth be suspect. Give him hard work to do and poverty that he might know the pinch. Let him be rejected by his people; let him be betrayed by one of his friends. Let him be arrested on false charges, tried before a prejudiced jury and convicted by a cowardly judge. Let him be abandoned by his friends and see what it is to be terribly alone. Let him be tortured, and then let him die at the hands of his enemies.

As each group announced its sentence on God, roars of approval went up. When the last had finished, the raucous noise had become almost deafening. Everyone turned towards the throne. Suddenly, heaven was filled with shocked penitent silence. For where there had been a throne, now could be seen a cross.

God does indeed know, and by the death and resurrection of Jesus, brings salvation, restoration and the unbridled joy of heaven to all who believe. That's the message of Easter.



Vicar: The Revd Matt Rowland (830260: every day except (normally) Saturday)

Readers: Joyce Howitt (01364 73093), Michael Tagent (810520)

Website: www.modburyteam.org



All Hallows Church, Ringmore

Church Clean - Saturday 24th March

The church is now looking sparkling and ready for Easter, a big thank you to everyone who came to help, and a particular thank you to Frank who came and made the coffee to enable us to carry on!

Tearfund Lunches

This season's lunches ended in March, and altogether we raised £ 1,029.61p. A magnificent effort, many many thanks to all who provided the food and to those who came to support us! This will have made a real difference to the people Tearfund try to help.

Good Friday –Friday 30th March

A Choral Passiontide Service will be held at St George's church Modbury at 2:00 p.m. The service, conducted by the Revd Matt Rowland, will be very similar to that used in Ringmore over recent years comprising unaccompanied singing and readings.

Easter Sunday - Sunday 1st April at 11.00am

On Easter Sunday All Hallows will hold a Family Communion Service commencing at 11.00am. The service will be conducted by the Revd Tom Brassil, the Vicar of the new Sherford village.

Flower Festival - 8, 9 and 10th June

All Hallows will hold a flower festival in June with a theme of " Our Village" Members of the various village organisations are invited to produce a display if they so wish. It can be connected with their organisation or any other aspect of the village of Ringmore. Rosemary Wilson has kindly agreed to co-ordinate and provide assistance when required for the event so please contact her (810211) for further information. Refreshments during the event will be served in the WI Hall. We will have an Open Gardens event running during the weekend and a "Songs of Praise Service" will be held on the Sunday evening to close the Flower Festival.

Quinquennial Inspection

The five yearly inspection of the church and graveyard takes place this year. It is hoped that nothing untoward will be found. There are a couple of gravestones that do require stabilising together with the rear gate pillar that requires attention. James Brand has agreed to attend to these items shortly.

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 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.

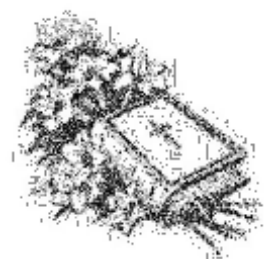
Found Item

A small leather bound Bible was found in the church belonging to a Lucy Dickson, if anyone knows her or can help locate her please get in touch with me on 810420 so we can return it.

Phill Errett

Most of you will know that Phill is in hospital and is very unwell, please pray for him and also for Sally who is making the long trek to Derriford daily.

Judy Bull



Ringmore Neighbourhood Development Plan. (NDP)

Dear All,

The Steering Group has now reached the stage in the development of your NDP where it is ready to print the questionnaire, which will soon be circulated to all households within the Ringmore Parish boundary.

The data received and analysed from completed returned questionnaires will be a very important part of informing the development of policies within the NDP. It is vital that, if you care about the future of the village and want strong local involvement and influence regarding any future development plans, you complete and return your questionnaire.

To help maximise the response rate, the Steering Group has agreed to run a raffle alongside the return of completed questionnaires. Each questionnaire will come with a raffle ticket. All you must do to be in with a chance of winning a £50 prize is to return one half of your raffle ticket with your completed questionnaire.

The winning ticket will be drawn after the closing date for return of completed questionnaires. So, "Good luck" and, please take the time to ensure that you have had your say in the development of your local area!!

Ringmore Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group.



In need of spiritual fuel? Then top up here.

The Filling Station is a new informal way of expressing the Christian faith using monthly celebration meetings in a café style setting. In a relaxed and friendly atmosphere with tea, coffee and cake we have worship time and a speaker

Everyone is welcome



The South Hams Filling Station meets at Bigbury Memorial Hall, St Ann's Chapel, Bigbury, TQ7 4HQ.

Meetings take place on the third Thursday (most months) from 7.30pm to 9.30pm.

Check: www.thefillingstation.org.uk or facebook: SouthHamsFillingStation 07522 430036/01548 810017

Next Meeting – Thursday 19th April

Speaker: The Rev. Stephen Beach

Future Dates: 17th May, 21st June, 19th July

Holiday Caravan for Hire

I have just purchased a six berth holiday caravan, sited on level ground and close to the sea at Challaborough Bay Holiday Park. Most of the 3, 4 and 7 days will be managed by Parkdean Resorts (01548 810771).

Should you need any further information, please telephone 01548 810673 and I will be pleased to help. Thelma.





The talk by Mary and James St Aubyn was well attended. It was a most entertaining talk on the Living History of St Michael's Mount.

Mary started by explaining how they arrived on the Island after leaving Ringmore in 1994 and living at a farm house in Hayle. They were able a few months after arriving in 2003 to be involved in a large renovation project to improve the facilities and make the home their own.

Mary made us laugh by the small things, like how do you hang out your washing when the whole world can see it. How do you get the shopping up to the living quarters – via an underground tramway and electric winch system! How everything is controlled by the tides, weather and how the community worked together as they had witnessed in Ringmore, including the story an Island First Aider delivering a baby as the midwife's sat nav had taken her to the wrong place! The twice a year fire drill involving the whole community, that meant calling the Penzance Fire Brigade and getting hoses etc ready for them, whilst the fireman arrived forty five minutes later. Mary talked about the visit by Prince Charles in 2010 and a surprise visit by the Queen and Prince Phillip in 2013, for lunch, which included a tour of the Mount and a visit to the Church, with the organist playing, on the same organ, the music that was played for a visit by King Edward.

James followed on by going back to the birth of the Island 280 million years ago, evidence from the Bronze age and the connections over time with Phoenician trading, the Monks of Mont St Michel, surviving the Tsunami from the Great Lisbon Earthquake in 1755 and much, much more.

Their talk highlighted the long St Aubyn family connection and our thanks go to both of them for the talk and their work on the Mount, which will preserve the history for generations in the future to enjoy.

Mike Wynne-Powell



“Lime Kilns of South Devon”

Speaker: John Ridsen

Ringmore W.I. Hall: Wednesday 18th April at 7.30 pm

All welcome: Members £1; non-members £3

Ringmore Church

Near Kingsbridge

Flower Festival

and OPEN GARDENS

"OUR VILLAGE"

8th - 10th June

10.00am - 5.00pm



Coffee, Lunches & Teas
at the W.I.Hall

Festival of Praise

Sunday 10th June at 6.00pm

This is a joint All Hallows/WI event



March meeting: Stowford Paper Mill

Every two weeks we put out our blue sacks full of paper. Have you ever thought where it comes from, and considered all the different types of paper? At the March meeting of Ringmore W.I., Sheila Hancox from Ivybridge gave an excellent presentation about Stowford Paper Mill, which was established in 1787 by a Plymouth businessman, William Dunsterville. He sold the mill in 1796 to Francis Fincher, and under his management the business grew. In 1837 the first paper-making machine was installed, and the business flourished. Previously, all paper had been made by hand. The golden age of the mill was in the nineteenth century, when John Allen and his sons ran the mill for over sixty years. Sheila brought with her samples of different types of paper, and explained how it was made. The mill made paper used for marriage certificates and other legal documents. During the 1920s, bank note paper was introduced to Stowford Mill, and this continued right up to the closure of the mill in 2013. The mill also produced watermarked paper, and Sheila showed us samples of stationery, including some for the Royal Family. The mill gave employment to a large number of people in Ivybridge, and it is a pity that this piece of local history had to close.

April meeting: Wine Tasting

At our meeting on Thursday 12th April we welcome Dane Vanstone who will be delighting us with some WINE TASTING! The meeting is open to everyone, so come along at 8 pm and enjoy!

Must meetings for your diary!

Coffee Morning

in aid of the Night Landing Site

Saturday 7th April at 10.30 am

Cakes, plants and raffle

May Fair

Monday 7th May at 2.30 pm

Cakes, plants, games, books, refreshments

Both in Ringmore W.I. Hall; free entry

Flower Festival Request



If anyone would like to:

- Do a flower arrangement
 - Be included in the church rota for a period of 2 hours over the 3 days
 - Have their favourite hymns sung at the Festival of praise on the Sunday (10th June) of the festival weekend
- Please contact either Rosemary Wilson (810211) or Judy Bull (810420)
- AND/OR, make scarecrows - great for the children to do or any one feeling young at heart!
- Please contact Alice Thornton (810284)



FREE CPR & Defibrillator Training

**1100hrs on Saturday 21st April 2018 at
the WI Hall, Ringmore.**

Training provided by Nigel Toms the unpaid local volunteer Community First responder for South West Ambulance Service.

Restart a Heart Over 3,600 people are resuscitated by ambulance staff every year in the South West because they suffer a pre-hospital cardiac arrest. For every minute that passes once in cardiac arrest, a person loses a further 10% chance of survival, and with this dramatic loss in chance of survival, there is a need of a defibrillator every 4-5 minute walk.

Without doubt this availability would improve cardiac arrest survival rates throughout the South West. A defibrillator is a device used to give an electric shock to help restart a patient's heart when they are in cardiac arrest. If there were more public access defibrillators, more people could get a life-saving shock as quickly as possible, ahead of an ambulance, which would assist in giving them the best possible chance of survival.

When someone suffers a cardiac arrest, the heart stops and blood is no longer being pumped around their body. The longer they go without emergency life-support, the harder it is to restart their heart. This is where you and your community, organisation or business could make a difference.

Local Neighbourhood Policing Team in attendance (where possible). – Your chance to meet your local police beat officer.



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:

3rd April ~ Slide by Slide

1st May ~ Storyville Jassband

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

www.facebook.com/kingsbridgejazzclub

BIGBURY MEMORIAL HALL

APRIL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<u>Day & Time</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Organiser</u>	<u>Contacts</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	07880 498914
Tues. 11.00 – 12.00	Exercise	+Valerie Chapman	07584 885259
17.30 - 19.30	Youth Club	Louise Pitt	07786 860440
19.30 – 21.30	Bowls	Dee Fitzgerald	811191
(2 nd & 4 th Tues of each month)			
Wed. 9.30 – 11.45	South Hams Shrimps	Becky Phelan	811179 07789 111200
Thurs. 9.30 – 10.00	Fast Fit	*Jill Gubbins	810651
10.05 – 11.05	Pilates	*Jill Gubbins	810651
11.15 – noon	Strong & Steady (plus tea & chat)	*Jill Gubbins	810651
19.30 – 21.30	South Hams Filling Station	Gilbert Snook	810017
(3 rd Thurs. of month excl. Dec & Aug)			
Friday	Zumba	**Hannah Winzer	550712 07454 003091

*Jill's classes will recommence after Easter on Monday April 9th

+ Valerie's Tuesday exercise class will recommence on Tuesday 17th April

**Hannah's classes have temporarily stopped but will start again in JULY this year – the actual date will be in a future Bigbury News.

April events:

Thursday 12th April 7.30pm. Talk by the National Trust about their local properties. See poster in this issue.

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. March winners were Valerie Scott (£25), R. Bristow (£15) and Louise Wainwright (£10).



Mobile Library Service - 2018

Jan 2 and 30, Feb 27, Mar 27, Apr 24, May 22, Jun 19, Jul 17,
Aug 14,

Sep 11, Oct 9, Nov 6, Dec 4

Ringmore Church: 11.50 to 12.20

Bigbury on Sea, Cleveland Drive: 12.40 to 13.25



Theft of Oil. A large quantity of oil has been reported as stolen from the oil tank situated at Orchard House in Ringmore.

The oil has been removed by unknown means and the dates currently not specific as there is no damage to the tank itself and the theft only discovered during a 'top up' delivery.

If anyone has any knowledge or happened to see anything unusual occurring at or around the property in the past few weeks please contact me or call the police on 101 quoting crime reference number CR/023001/18.

Needless to say be aware and make sure that you have someone keep an eye on your property (may not be just limited to oil theft of course) especially if you are away.

See below for Devon & Cornwall Police general advice.

Siting Your Oil Tank

The position of the tank can have a significant effect on how hard a target it is in the eyes of the thief. If the tank is close to the house, with one or more windows capable of giving a view of it, then the thief may consider the chances of being seen too high. If the tank is close to a road, path, drive or alleyway then it will be a far easier target. Hiding the tank behind the garage, shed or some other type of outbuilding is fairly commonplace, but it does give the thief the advantage.

Control Switches

Switches that control the flow of oil should be turned off and the electricity supply isolated when the tank is not in use.

Padlocks

A thief will usually come equipped with a limited range of tools to attack your tank so it's worth spending a little more on good quality locks. Close shackle padlocks are the best as they offer most resistance to the most popular of burglar tools; the bolt cropper! Remember that buying a padlock is like buying a car, the more you pay the better the quality and the longer it will last.

Oil Level Gauges

Remote electronic oil level gauges are now available which will set off an audible alarm if the oil level in the tank suddenly drops or falls below a quarter full. These gauges can be located in the kitchen or perhaps a utility room to warn of any potential problem. There are two or three different versions on the market at the moment and cost between £70 and £100. Get into the habit of regularly checking oil levels so that you will know if you have lost any.

Security Lights

Security lights can have a very positive effect and make any property a much harder target for the thief. It's not always necessary to floodlight the area with high power beams, as a more subtle level of lighting may be all that is needed. Low energy 'dusk till dawn' lights positioned close to the tank should, in most cases, provide sufficient light to illuminate any suspicious activity.

Defensive Planting

Defensive planting is nature's way of helping to reduce crime. Thieves will not wish to force their way through or over a prickly hedge. The smallest trace of blood or shred of ripped clothing could help the police identify the offender. These shrubs can, if planted around your tank, provide an effective and decorative thief proof barrier.

Securing Your Oil Tank

Following on from the defensive plant tactic, fences and walls can also make life difficult for the thief. A wooden or metal fence, trellis or wall can give significant protection to the tank, but it must be remembered that the oil tanker driver will need access to fill the tank! A metal or grill cage with a lockable access point across the top of this wall or fence can further improve security. The wall or fence should be as close to the tank and as high as possible. Of course a trellis could also be decorated with defensive planting. A product called 'Tank Guard' surrounds the existing storage tank with a metal enclosure. This sheet metal enclosure has lockable access doors to allow filling and maintenance and has internal anchorage points to fix it to the concrete base. A tank guard costs less than one tank full of oil and will last many years.

CCTV

The use of CCTV as crime prevention and a crime detection tool has grown massively in recent years. It could play a part in the protection of oil tanks, but before you spend lots of money on equipment make an assessment of your needs.

Additional Advice

OFTEC or the 'Oil Firing Technical Association for the petroleum industry' offers advice and guidance for those who use and store oil at their premises. There are certain rules and regulations that may apply to you and OFTEC will help clarify these for you. They can be reached at www.oftec.org or by calling 0845 6585 080. They also produce an 'easy guide to domestic oil storage'

Found property

A small battery has been found in Cockle Lane. It would appear to be from a Camcorder or camera device. If you have lost one or have any knowledge please give me a call.

Stay safe, Steve



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

Dear Editor

My Mum died 14 months ago from Dementia and our whole family were devastated by not only her death but the years before when the Dementia was creeping in. I was struck with how ill prepared we are as a society for coping with the increasing cases of Dementia - in it's variety of forms. I was also struck with how little our children were prepared for what was happening to Grandma.

I have lived in Ringmore for the last 8 years with my husband Gavin and our daughters Bethany and Kelly.

I'm also the Headteacher of The Grove School in Totnes- it's a primary school of nearly 300 children right in the centre of Totnes. We are going to become a 'Dementia-friendly School' by training one of our staff to be a Dementia Friendly Champion through the Alzheimer's society. We are also working with Totnes Caring and will run a programme through the school teaching the children how to help people with Dementia.

Because of all this I have challenged myself to run the Plymouth Half Marathon in May. If you know me you will see me out running with Pip (our Beagle) early in the mornings. Currently I'm running (plodding) about 4 miles but will have to work hard to get ready for 13 miles by May. Last time I attempted the half marathon was before children arrived and I did the last mile in an ambulance due to heat exhaustion so I have some daemons to deal with too!

I will be running for two causes - for the Alzhiemher society through this just-giving page:

<http://www.justgiving.com/owner-email/pleasesponsor/DementiafriendlyGroveSchool> and also for The Dementia Friendly Grove School to support us in our development of this project.

If any one would like to sponsor me then that would be wonderful - either through the just-giving page direct to Alzhiemers society or through our letterbox for the school based project.

Many thanks, Hilary Priest, Hilltop House (next to The Ayrmer Cove car park entrance), Ringmore, TQ74HR

Dear Editor,

I am one of those weird people who habitually pick up other people's litter and then dispose of it correctly. I know it's odd to most, after all, why should we care about the incessant build up of rubbish of all descriptions which despoils our beautiful and unique area of the country?

Well, personally I believe littering to be completely unacceptable. It debases us all and serves only to highlight our total disregard for each other and the environment in which we live. I hope that I am not alone in thinking this and I also hope that I am not the only person who would like to do something positive about the issue.

Cleaning up fly tipped rubbish and litter costs us all because it costs the authorities who are already strapped for cash, a fortune. The money comes from your council tax. Currently it is estimated that it costs the country a whopping £1 Billion per annum to clean up litter and fly tipped waste. That's £660 per head, per year.

Our area has become exponentially worse in the 5 years that I have lived here. Even the farmers are at it with their black plastic wrapping blowing everywhere. We are drowning under a sea of discarded detritus. It makes my heart bleed looking at it all.

I have started a group called "The Ringmore Pickers" on the Litteraction.org.uk website and I hope to get a band of us together to conduct some litter picking events. This of course is not so easy these days with "Elf & Safety" and Insurance considerations, but, the web site has lots of hints, tips and links to get through the minefield of organising such an event.

In the first instance I would like to know if anybody is willing to join me in my mini crusade to try to clean up our area. It might involve walking several miles, eating pasties and drinking a pint or two at the end of it!

Contact me on mike.campbell@mvvuk.co.uk if you are interested.

Mike Campbell



National
Trust

I hope you are all enjoying the start of the Easter holidays and fingers crossed we have some nice settled weather. Those spells of snow last month were unbelievable and the constant wet and stormy weather has put us a bit behind with our conservation and improvement works as we cannot access some of our sites as they are too wet. Last month storm Emma also caused us a few problems with severe damage to Wembury Point slipway and a footpath being washed away at Hallsands. Due to the damage to the slipway at Wembury Point we have had to close the access at that point to ensure visitor safety. The structure is being assessed and works will happen to make the area safe again.

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Ayrmer Cove beach clean. We are very grateful for your help as this beautiful little cove does seem to collect seaborne rubbish. It costs our team £1000's each year to remove beach litter and these funds come out of our vital conservation budget so we always promote the take your rubbish (including dog waste) home with you.

In the beginning of March our new Land Outdoors and Nature Project officer Ken Neal started with our team. Ken is looking specifically at the Bolt Head to Bolt tail area near Salcombe to see how we could implement our new strategy to look at landscape scale change for the benefit of nature and the environment. I will keep you updated with how this project progresses.

If you are looking ahead and wanting to plan some great days out then have a look at our events listed below and for further information go to www.nationaltrust.org.uk/events

29th April 2018, 11am – 3pm – Big Day Out on the farm – East Soar Farm. Join the Trust Rangers and South Devon AONB team for a fun day at East Soar farm. Come and see the farm animals, enjoy a farm trail, bug hunts, pond dipping, storytelling, children's activities, refreshments in the walkers café, BBQ with Holsome Park Quality Meats and more!

13th May 2018, 10am – 4pm – Family Fun on the beach – Wembury. A whole day of fun activities for all ages. Come along and check out the crazy creatures in a rockpool, make your own kite, make some wild art and more... Organised by the National Trust, Devon Wildlife Trust Marine Centre and South Devon AONB.

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**MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON 13 MARCH 2018
IN THE W.I. HALL, RINGMORE AT 7.00 PM**

Present	Cllr Jenny Williams	JW	In the Chair
	Cllr David Vincent	DV	
	Cllr Richard Baker	RB	
	Cllr Jeremy Deverson	JD	
	Cllr John Reynolds	JR	
Apologies	District Cllr Beth Huntley	BH	
	Cllr Andrew King	AK	
	County Cllr Rufus Gilbert	RG	But see notes submitted by e-mail at appendix A
In attendance	Peter Javes		Clerk

Members of the public present: none

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37/18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

38/18 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

IT WAS RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 6 February 2018 were accepted as a correct record
Resolution **carried unanimously**. The minutes were signed by the Chairman.

39/18 MATTERS ARISING

39.1 Web mail: DV had sent out instructions advising councillors how to link their Ringmore webmail addresses to their personal e-mail accounts but the link needed further development. The clerk would send council communications to both private and RPC e-mail addresses. DV

39.2 New Residents' Welcome Pack: Steve Comley reported by e-mail that the pack was nearly finalised and he would like the PC to draft an introductory page with more detail on the function and work of the PC.

40/18 ADVERSE WEATHER

The PC discussed the recent heavy snow and wished to place on record thanks to the following who gave significant help:

- Perri Ness
- Peter and Bradley Mercy
- Jenny the vet
- Parkdean staff

JW thanked all in the village who had looked out for their neighbours. JW agreed to think how vulnerable people in the parish could be cared for in the event of similar adverse weather in future. JW

It was agreed that a dry store was needed to keep the stocks of bagged salt for road gritting. JW to ask the National Trust about having small storage shed on NT land. JD
JD would arrange for the grit bins in the parish to be refilled by SHDC.

41/18 AIR AMBULANCE NIGHT LANDING SITE

Toby Russell of DAAT would be invited to address the annual parish meeting on 8 May. Clerk

42/18 FINANCE

Bank balances as at 28 February 2018 £12,966.90

Payments approved :-

Peter Javes	Administration	93.03
Steve Comley	Night Landing Site	3.99
Ringmore WI	Neighbourhood Plan	10.00
Jenny Williams	Administration	34.00
Tall Orders Landscaping	Grass and trees	77.50

TOTAL **£218.52**

of which, reserved for the Neighbourhood Plan £2,281.00
and Night Landing Site (SHDC grant awaited) £4,419.00

43/18 PLANNING

Three Ways

It was noted that the old bungalow would soon be demolished and JW would ask the contractor for a schedule of heavy vehicle movements in order to let parishioners know.

44/18 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN (NP)

RB reported that the steering committee had met twice since Christmas and the questionnaire was now ready for printing and would then be distributed to every household in the parish. Six weeks would be allowed for the completed replies to be returned for analysis. The NP was two months behind schedule.

45/18 HIGHWAY MATTERS

Road Warden: There had been no volunteers to be road warden for the parish.

46/18 ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

46.1 Work Programme

The meeting discussed ownership of the verge by Church House and the land known as the Bowling Green or Bulling Green and whether it was registered to the parish council.

Clerk's Note: Subsequent to the meeting the Clerk had established that the land was not registered.

47.2 Modbury Marigolds Project

It was decided that there was not sufficient interest in the parish to run a tidy up project along the lines of the Modbury Marigolds project.

47.3 Skip 21 April

JR outlined the arrangements with West Country Skip Hire for a skip in the village and at Challaborough on Saturday 21 April.

48/18 PARISH PATHS PARTNERSHIP

JR was preparing the bid for 2018-19.

Footpath 10: JR outlined a proposal to dig out and lay aggregate along FP 10. It was noted that the whole path is 950 metres long and to repair the whole length would cost about £10,000. It would be necessary to establish the length to be resurfaced and to put in a bid to DCC to fund the whole cost. Because of the high cost this project might need to be phased over several years. Footpath 12: JR had costed a remedy for the flooding at Cliff path and submitted it for PPP funding.

49/18 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

BH spoke about the new housing development at Palm Cross in Modbury and Bloor Homes' application for 14 more houses.

It was noted that the new housing development at St Anne's Chapel had been granted permission on appeal and the junction at the Pickwick Inn would be re-aligned.

50/18 APPLE WEEKEND

Set for 13 and 14 October 2018. JR explained that it was hoped to fence in the orchard so that sheep could be grazed amongst the trees, thus minimizing the cost of grass cutting.

51/18 AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

- Fete or garden party
- Annual parish meeting 8 May
- Donation to Modbury Caring
- Registration of the Bowling Green with the Land Registry

The meeting closed at 8.55.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 10 April 2018 at 7.00pm

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RINGMORE PARISH COUNCIL

MEETINGS CALENDAR FOR 2018

10 April		08 May @ 6.45 followed by annual meeting @ 7.30
12 June	10 July	August – no meeting
11 September	09 October	13 November
December – no meeting		

PENDIX A: DCC STATISTICS

- The concessionary bus subsidy =£9 million p.a.
- Public transport subsidy = £3.3 million p.a.
- Public rights of way = £600,000 for 5,000 km of footpaths
- Citizens' Advice Bureau grant = £400,000 p.a.
- The number of over 65s in England increased by 0.5 million, up 10%
- Energy From Waste (EFW) at Devonport = 245,000 p.a.
- Average residual waste collected in Devon (black bins) falling to 4.94 kg from 5.94 kg per bin, the 3rd best in Britain, 41% of this is recyclable. It costs £120 a tonne to dispose of this waste through EFW.
- 7,700 potholes were mended in January 2018
- An extra £6.5 million will be needed in 2018-19 for highways drainage and patching etc
- Central government spends more on overseas aid than local government
- DCC council tax will increase by 5% or £63 per Band D house, broken down as 2.99% general increase and 2.00% for social care



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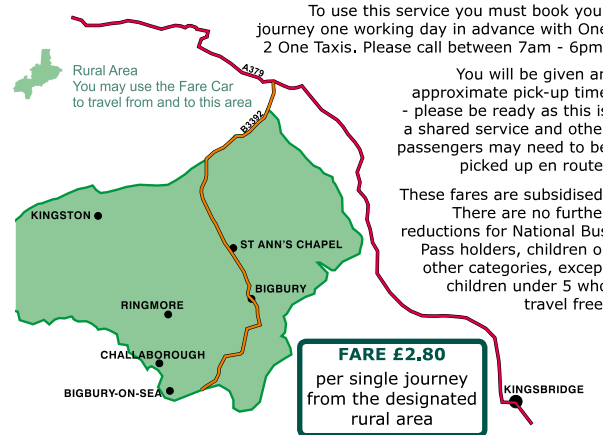
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