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Dear Mr. Grimshaw,

Thank you for your recent letter and the letter you enclosed together with "Terry" listings which I found most interesting and have taken a record therefrom for the family history book. Mrs. Stanbury will receive a letter from me shortly mainly to give some details on the "dearle" side of the family which farmed Robins Farm at Kingston in my Grandfather's day.

I enclose the photograph* concerning the area outside Ringmore Church (gravestones in the background) known as "Two Trees" where my mother lived there and in the centre of where the several roads meet. The two sailor boys are my mother's identical twin brothers in the navy as "boy sailors". As before stated James was killed in the "Battle of Jutland" aged 16 years and I believe commemorated in the Church window at Ringmore. James' brother Philip is the one with the dog "Nigger". If you wish to take a copy of the photo then do so but please return the original to me.

Yes the moving of houses has gone well with a no-chain help with the sales.

If my mother has any more recollections I will send them on to you.

Yours sincerely,

Dearle Terry

P.S. I am beginning to doubt the authenticity of Church records as your listing of my baptism in Ringmore Church records in 1927 (date correct) gives my father as "labourer" when in fact he joined the navy as a teenager in the early 1920s and did not leave it until invalided out in the 1930s with T.B. Dr. G.H.

* details on back of photograph.

Dorothea Terry's Memories.

I hope you will find these interesting and entertaining. Mr Terry Dorothea's son is in contact and could handle further questions and identifications in photos. please let me know if you have further questions. gcg

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AS TOLD BY DOROTHEA CARSON TERRY (NÉE TRIGGS).

WHO NOW LIVES IN MODBURY. (JAN 1994)

The following letter was written by Searle Terry, son of Dorothea Terry who apart from dictating these reminiscences to her son also provided wealth of material incorporated in the Society's first book of Memories. The addressee is George Grimshaw, later President of the Society.

Dear Mr. Grimshaw,

Apropos your questions to my mother Dorothea Carson Terry on bygone Ringmore : I write as told to me with some of the answers. Typewriting takes me twice as long as handwriting so I just hope you will be able to read the following :

A family called Roll occupied the "New Inn", they had a daughter Blanche Johns (different surname so perhaps had been married). Blanche ran the village shop which was in a corner of "New Inn" and very small. The first cottage on the left up the lane opposite "New Inn" was occupied by [closest to the pub] Polly Bardens and the attached cottage next by Katern Coker. Polly had an orchard immediately opposite. My mother cannot remember a husband or children with Polly.

Further up the hill on the right the first house in a lane was occupied by Dr. Miles who had a surgery at Modbury. In the next cottage on the opposite side of the lane (the lane was off the right side of the main hill going up opposite the pub) lived a family called Luckraft and he did all the threshing for all the farms around. Further up again where the hill meets the main Challaborough road (270 on your old map) the cottage there was named "Challaborough Cottage" and a Freeman lived there who was the village carrier and had a daughter living with him. His son George married a Lady Fortescue who had a house at Bigbury or Bigbury-on-Sea. She died in childbirth and is buried in Ringmore Churchyard. The carrier also had another daughter who married Farmer Smale of Marwell Farm.

Where Mrs. Lock lives mother believes was three cottages. There were two of them occupied by Bardens and a Triggs a carpenter in the third. Almost opposite was the village carpenter's shop with Ern Farley then as a young apprentice.

In the big house called "The Cottage" (265) there was a family called Lyne who were Canadians. Around (266) there were four small cottages. In the first were the Miller family, second the Bardens, third Tom Farley (a brother of Dick). Mum can't remember who was in the fourth.

Area [263] was a "Rock Cottage" inn which were the Hunter family with a son. Adjacent cottage was occupied by Sam and Besis Ryder who sold cream, butter and eggs. (Mother believes they also had a smallholding. At [275] were two cottages and in one lived Philip and Emma Triggs and Steve Horswill and family in the other. Next to the Church [318] was "Virginia Cottage" which my mother lived in after farmer Moore moved out to live in the newly built Farmhouse. Virginia was the old "Higher Manor Farmhouse". Brothers John and Albert Moore had lived in both houses.

Further down on the right the lane led into Walnut Cottage (mother had also lived there) and further down the lane again on the right was Well Cottage and in here lived a Mrs. Bartlett with son Joe. Also at this spot lived the Triggs family with children Stanley, Fred, William, John, Nellie, Millie, and Nora among them. Slightly further on the left was an old courtyard and barn called "Peter's Court" and people with a name pronounced "Pe-dell" who lived in the Vean had "Peter's Court" converted to a house. The Pe-dells left the Vean later to live in it. Before (or after) the Pe-dells were at the Vean lived a Plymouth tobacconist with the name pronounced "Truan". Further down on the right after passing the Institute was a court area up from which were steps leading to two cottages, one of them was occupied by Reg Davis' parents.

On the left lower down turning to Lower Farm were two workmen's cottages. In one lived Sarah Ryder who had a son Dick. He lived in the Rectory Lodge by the Rectory and worked for the Hingston-Randolphs. Mother thinks mainly as a gardener. At Lower Manor Farm lived the Browns with a son Leslie. Later the Colwills lived here.

Back to Cumberland Cottages where lived Jack and Nellie Ryder, also Eliza and Dick Farley and their married daughter Clara and her husband Bert Pearse with children Esme and Ronald. Next door was occupied by the Freeman family with several sons. In the end one, {+the 'L' part } there lived a man called Triggs who always went by the name of 'Two-Man Triggs' because he always said that he was equal to two men at work. He married a widow called Worth who had a daughter called Frances. Past the inn was a cottage called "Hillside Cottage" in which lived Fred and Annie Triggs with daughter Rene. Annie died in her early thirties. Next was Hillside House and my mother lived here last before leaving Ringmore. Opposite Hillside House was "Dina's Cottage" but no one lived in it as my mother's parents used it for storing. Belle Vue was lived in by Roper who was originally chief officer coastguard at Chalfaborough.

The Head Teacher at Ringmore was a Nellie Giles and the infant

classes had various teachers including an Ethel Jarvis. Doctor Miles had the first car in Ringmore and he frequently came into the School to get some pupils to help push the car to start it. Mother and friends thought it an honour to be picked to help do the pushing.

"Billy Buttons" was not the miller of Noddon Mill and it was a ruin when mother was a child. "Billy's surname was Miller. The Mill was a play area for Ringmore children. Mother feels sure that the Institute and Reading Room was the same place with different village people using the different names for it. Most of the concerts, dances, socials etc. were held in this building.

The village carrier had the main conveyance to take villagers to and from Ringmore, mother's father always using it for naval leave visits. He was a strict disciplinarian and whilst on leave would (presumably using his naval practice) line up mother and her brother every morning to allot to them their jobs for the day. They did not look forward to his homecoming.

Mother hopes this will answer most of your questions and apologises should any of the peoples' names be spelt wrongly.

Yours sincerely,
(signed Searle Terry)

P.S. I enclose a photograph in very poor shape which is of Ringmore schoolchildren taken about 1910. Mother has identified some of them as identified on the piece of plastic (tracing paper was too thick). You probably have a similar better picture but PLEASE return this one to me at your leisure.

Numbers identification :

1/Ethel Jarvis 2/ Beattie Horswill 3/Francis Jarvis 4/ Dorothea Triggs (my mother) 5/Francis Triggs (mother's brother) 7/ Bertie Horswill 8/ Charlie Horswill 9/ Nellie Giles (Headmistress) 10/Cecil Freeman 11/Philip Triggs and 12/James Triggs (mother's brothers) 13 Ted Miller 14/ Ivy Horswill 15/ Flossie Bardens and 16/Kittie Bardens (cousins)

My mother is not well enough to make a recording I'm sorry to say.
S.G.T.

"LUCY CLEEVE",
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Dear Mr. Grimshaw,

Re. our 'phone conversation
yesterday I enclose the little "pieces" contributed
by my mother concerning early days at Ringmore.

As you will see by the many mistakes
in the typing I am a complete novice at it.

Your 'phone number was given to
me by the Ringmore P.O. occupant.

I sincerely hope the "pieces" will be
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ONE SAD DAY I CAN RECALL WAS WHEN THE NEWS OF TWO YOUNG RINGMORE SOLDIERS DEATHS IN THE GREAT WAR CAME AT THE SAME TIME. THERE WAS A LARGE CONGREGATION IN THE ROAD OUTSIDE CUMBERLAND COTTAGES WITH MUCH CRYING GOING ON. ONE OF THE YOUNG WIVES MADE WIDOWS WAS EXPECTING A BABY AT THE TIME. ANY CRISIS IN ANYONES LIFE IN THE VILLAGE IN THOSE DAYS WAS VERY MUCH FELT BY EVERYONE WHO LIVED THERE. I SINCERELY WISH THAT THE CARE AND UNDERSTANDING OF THAT TIME WERE AS MUCH IN EVIDENCE IN THE WORLD TODAY AND RINGMORE STANDS OUT IN MY MEMORY AS A MARVELLOUS EXAMPLE TO FOLLOW.

AS TOLD BY DOROTHEA CARSON TERRY (NÉE TRIGGS).

WHO NOW LIVES IN MODBURY. (JAN 1994)

Mrs TERRY's - recollections (her own, not her Mother's)
1902 - 1919.

NEW INN - Family called Rohl.

daughter Blanche ran village

shop - very small corner of Inn

Hill Cottage

POLLY BARDEN - eldest of 10,
- had 10 children of her own
- no husband in 1919

and KATE COKER.

Smugglers Cottage

Doctor Miles - Surgeon in
Roxbury.

Pleasant Cottage

huckcraft.

he did all the threshing
for farms for miles around

Challaborough Cottage

FREEMAN.

Village Doctor

Daughter Mrs Medway.

His son Lewis married a lady Fortescue
who had been at Bigbury - died
child birth. No record in Burials.

Freeman had another daughter who
married Farmer Snails of Haswell
Ernest and Adamina - Farm

Sp

OTEP

1902 - 1919.

SEAVIEW.

3 Cottages

2 Occupied by Bardsens.

1 " by TRIGGS the
Carpenter.

Village CARPENTERS SHOP almost opposite
these cottages -
ERIC FAARLEY young apprentice

"The Cottage" (Cross Roads)
LYNNE Canadians.

"IVY Cottage" Four small cottages.
Miller - Bardsens - Tom Farley
Fourth ?? (Bro: of Dick.)

ROCK COTTAGE. HUNTERS with their son -
(Photo of Janey) AG.
Sam - Bessie Ryder.
Solot cream, butter, eggs.
Small holding?

BARNFORD. Two cottages.
Philip and Emma TRIGGS.
Steve HORSWILL + family.

VIRGINIA COTTAGE. John and Albert Moore.
Mrs TERRY moved in. → move to new High Mass
Farm House
i.e. MANOR HOUSE

Mrs Tenny's recollections.

WALNUT TREE COTTAGE. No occupant named
(Mrs Potter had lived in it.)

WELL COTTAGE Mrs Bartlett with son Joe.

(also at this spot lived) TRIGGS Family
children Stanley. Fred.
William John. Nellie. Billie.
and NORA.

"PETER'S COURT" (Old court yard and barn.)

Veau. "Pe-dell" lived in Veau and had
Peter's Court converted to a house - The
Pe-dells moved to Peter's Court.

the TRUEN - Tobaccoist from Plymouth
The "Institute" -

COURT AREA splits up to Two Cottages
1. Reg Davis's Parents. ^{Mrs. Pleasant} Rose.

"Two Workmen's Cottages" 1.
(Riddle Manor today). 2. Sarah Ryder
and son "Dick"

Does live in Rectory Lodge
and worked for F.E.H.R.
as Gardener?

"Lower Manor Farm"
BROWNS.

Mrs. Terry's Recollections

Back to :-

CUMBERLAND COTTAGES

Jack & Nellie Rydels.

Dick & Eliza Farley.

Best Pearce and Chace. (dan J
with children Esme and Farley!
Ronald).FREEMAN family with several
sons.

TRIGGS (Two. Nan Triggs)

married a widow WORTH.
and Nan: FRANCES.INN.HILLSIDE COTTAGE.FRED and ANNIE TRIGGS.
dan: Rene. & died in her
early 30s.HILLSIDE HOUSE:Mrs TERRY's mother
Mrs TRIGGS lived here
before leaving R. in 1919.DINA'S COTTAGEuse as store by
Mrs Triggs.BELLE VUE.Roper. Coast Guard Chief
Officer

"LUCY CHEEVE",
YELVERTON,
DEVON.
PL20 6BG.
18.2.94.

Mr. George Grimshaw,
Ringmore.

Dear Mr. Grimshaw,

and photographs. Regrettably my mother's eyesight is too poor to identify anyone in the photographs. She does say that she did not present Mrs. (Lady?) Mildmay with a basket of flowers and that her mother had a photograph some years back of my mother presenting a bouquet of flowers. I note that Mrs. Mildmay is holding a bouquet in one of the photos and suspect the very young girl in front of the basket-girls was my mother.

Mother is able to answer most of your questions and I shall shortly get them together and send on to you as time permits.

We both found your booklet on Ringmore to be full of interest. Thank you for the opportunity of reading it. I return the photos and booklet to you herewith.

I will shortly be in touch again.

Yours sincerely,

Leah E. Terry

0752/402878.

WALNUT DEAN,
HORN LANE,
PLYMSTOCK,
PLYMOUTH,
PL9 9BR.
14. XI. 94

Dear Mr Grimshaw,

Thank you for the return of the twins
photograph.

My mother says Virginia Cottage is where the red
arrow indicates on the 1885 map. Apparently Farmers Moore
left this house, then Higher Manor Farm, to live in the newly
built house and the new one ~~then~~ then became Higher Manor ^{Farm}, the old
one being renamed "Virginia". The Moores continued to farm using
the buildings adjacent to Virginia. My mother can't say what the
present name of the house the Moores moved to ^{is} but perhaps you can
identify it by my mother saying the ^{two} Misses Scoble lived there
afterwards. Mother remembers Virginia absolutely covered with the
dame named creeper when she lived in it - perhaps it still is.

My mother cannot give you dates re. the
various people living in respective houses but she says the names she
gave you previously was of her own remembrance and not her mother's.

You ask about my mother's ancestry so I enclose
a roughly drawn family tree which ^{shows} as you will see, she has a polygeny,
in comparatively recent times, of English, Scottish, Welsh and Irish
blood.

Back in the 1950s I was agricultural and ^{local} history
correspondent of the South Devon Times and was given a printed
pamphlet, a copy of which I had printed in the paper in 1955
(I have now lost the original pamphlet) which related to Ringmore's
farmer Moore's lost sheep in poetic form. In those days thought funny
perhaps. You have probably got a copy. However I write (very pretty)
the poem for you and herewith enclosed.

If possible my mother would welcome me
copy of your newsletter which includes one of her stories just

to give some idea of the type presented.

Mother will concentrate on thoughts of old Ringmore and if anything new comes up I will write to you again.

You speak of my new neighbours. Oddly the neighbour (called Acoble) is the niece of the midwife who brought me into the world. The midwife was the wife of Farmer Crimp who farmed Tufflowd near you. They are excellent people, being virtuous, which is so sadly missing in today's world.

Thank you for your best wishes (reciprocated).

Yours sincerely,

Leah L. Torrey

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South West Colour Laboratories.

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Dear Sir,

Reference my telephone conversation about
10 days ago about improving an old photo
taken in 1910? of a Ringmore School Group,

I enclose the photograph and have the
permission of the owner to try and get it
improved and printed. If you are successful,
could it be enlarged to 7" x 5". The
owner has identified some of the people in it
and might be able to name most of them
if it could be improved.

Yours Truly -

G. L. Brantham.

The last invoice I have of yours is.

8W017159 20 Dec 93. of No. 99 Card.
Order No. R357.

*Sorry this
smear was
left out of
the packet
with the photo
for improvement
or enlargement
Rb.*

Searle G Terry, Dear Mr. Terry,

Thank you for your letter and the notes written by you Mother. They have been read with great interest by members of our committee and the first instalment will be published in the village news letter this month. Please tell your Mother how delighted we have all been to get her recollections of her childhood here in Ringmore. I know what she means by 'halcyon years' ,because I always think of my early years at my home in Dunsfold, Surrey when I was that age during the first world war.

Her recollections have of course sparked off many questions which people are asking. We would be very grateful if she cared to give us further recollections in answer to any of these questions. I enclose two photos of the laying of the foundation stone of the Church Room and hope one of the young ladies with the basket of flowers was your Mother. If she can remember any of the other people per haps you could write them in on the tracing paper which fits over it. I also enclose a Tourist Guide to Ringmore which I wrote a few years ago. The print is rather small but you could read some extracts to her.

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Was the old Reading Room always known by that name and was it a converted barn or cottage ?

Does she remember where the foundation stone was as we have not been able to find it. It was layed in May 1908.

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Challaborough. Fishing Family, which Bardens was this and where did they live? Coal, who was the coal merchant and from where was it distributed, how much did it cost per bucket?

Limestone. Does she remember the kilns being used at Challa-borough and if so who was the lime burner?

Does Dorothea remember who it was who stole the sheep and if so could she point out where that the sheep were? Ringmore are

We have started to make recordings on tapes of the recollections of people on tapes. Do you think you could get your Mother to record more of her recollections in this way. If so we could arrange for a recording? It is asking rather a lot but such a recording would be so valuable as she is earlier than any one who has so far recorded the memories.

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lives? Coal, who was the coal merchant and from...
tributed, how much did it cost per bucket?

Do the...
who was the line burner?
it was who...
the... Ringmore etc



1. "Halcyon Years" are lovely to think about.
I remember mine (1916-1927) at Sunnyside
in Surrey ages (45-17)

2. Great interest shown by everyone. We are
publishing in the Village News Letter.

3. Roads and Paths. Do you remember the
names of any of them. To-day there
are

Cockle Lane -

Rocky Path -

Rymer Path -

Smugglers Lane.

Darke Lane -

Hill Lane or Hunt Ameth Lane.

Church Lane.

4. Rats. Dick Farley. Was this a once only
experience by him alone and no one
else.

5. "Reading Room" - What did it consist of?
An old Barn or Cottage? The present

Church Institute was started in 1908,

when Mrs Midway laid the foundation
stone. It was added to with the

"Rena Club" as a New Memorial in
1919. This extension was perhaps

The extension opened by Lady Niddamag.
Photos enclosed.

Dorothea was perhaps one of the young
ladies with baskets of flowers. Does she remember
where the foundation stone was? We cannot locate
it. Can she recognize and name any of
the grown ups - boys or the Band ??

Challabacough.

Fishing Family - Bards. Which family
of Bards and where did they live?

Coal. Who was the coal merchant in
Rudymore? At one time the Randles
distributed it from Hople Farm? Where
was it distributed or purchased in his
day? How much a bucket - had?

Limestone. Does she remember the lime
kilns working at Challabacough?
Who was the lime burner?

Old Clothes - Poor Family - Sheep stolen -

Does Dorothea feel free to name this
family now and the owner of the Sheep -
also which cottages??

Who was "Billy Bultin"?

We have a record of a young boy hanging himself in "Dalkie Lane"

an William Albert Miller who hanged himself in Okenburg Grove in Nell Bots in 1920.

Scott - Mrs Hingeston Randolph - Was that at the Vicarage or at ^{The} ~~the~~ ~~House~~ where Hingeston Randolphs ~~lived~~ lived?

Betty Colwill - There is a small memorial brass in the Church.

Two nameless seamen washed up in Hyson's Cove have been buried in the church yard. 1908. 1907 and a Donald McCleod Royal Navy washed up in 1911. buried with Naval Honours.

Ringmoor in Labettants are still very caring people —.

"Lucy Cleave,"
Yelverton,
Devon.
PL20 6BG.

Dear Mr. Grimshaw,

Apropos your questions to my mother Dorothea Carson Terry on bygone Ringmore. I write, as told to me, with some of the answers. Typewriting takes me twice as long as handwriting so I just hope you will be able to read the following:

A family named Roll occupied the "New Inn". They had a daughter named Blanche Johns (different surname so perhaps had been married). Blanche ran the village shop which was in a corner of "New Inn" and very small. The first cottage on the left up the hill opposite New Inn was occupied by (closest to the pub) Polly Bardsens and the attached cottage next by Kate Craker. Polly had an orchard immediately opposite. My mother cannot remember a husband or children with Polly.

Further up the hill on the right the first house in a lane was occupied by Doctor Miles who had a surgery at Modbury. In the next cottage on the opposite side of the lane (the lane was ~~on~~ the right side of the main hill going up opposite the pub) lived a family called Luckraft and he did all the threshing for the farms for miles around. Further up again where the hill meets the main Challa borough road (270 on your old map) the cottage there was named "Challa borough Cottage" and a freeman lived there who was the village carrier and had a daughter Mrs. Medway living with him. His son George married a Lady Fortescue who had a house at Bigbury or Bigbury-on-dea. She died in child birth and is buried in Ringmore Churchyard. The carrier also had another daughter who married Farmer Smale of Marwell farm.

Where Mrs. Lock lives mother believes was three cottages. There were two of them occupied by Bardsens,

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and Triggs the carpenter in the third. Almost opposite was the village carpenters shop with Ern Farley then as a young apprentice.

In the big house called "The Cottage" (265) there was a family named Lyne who were Canadians. Around (266) there were four small cottages. In the first were the Miller family, second the Bardsens, third Tom Farley (a brother of Dick). Mum can't remember who was in the fourth.

Area (263) was a "Rock Cottage" in which were the Hunter family with a son. Adjacent Cottage was occupied by Sam and Bessie Ryder who sold cream, butter and eggs (mother believes they also had a small holding). At (275) were two cottages and in one lived Philip and Emma Triggs and Steve Horswill and family in the other. Next to the Church (318) was "Virginia Cottage" which my mother lived in after Farmer Moore moved out to live in the newly built Higher Manor Farmhouse. Virginia was the old Higher Manor Farmhouse. Brothers John and Albert Moore had lived in both houses.

Further down on the right the lane led into "Walnut Cottage" (mother had also lived here) and further down the lane ^{again} on the right was Well Cottage and in here lived a Mrs. Bartlett with son Joe. Also at this spot there lived the Triggs family with children Stanley, Fred, William, John, Nellie, Millie, and Nora among them. Slightly further on the left was an old courtyard and barn called "Peter's Court" and people with a name pronounced "Pe-dell" who lived in the Vean had "Peter's Court" converted to a house. The Pe-dells left the Vean later to live in it. Before (or after) the Pe-dells were at the Vean lived a Plymouth tobaccoist with the name pronounced "~~Truman~~ ^{Truman}". Further down on the right after passing the institute was a court area up from

which were steps leading to two cottages, one of them occupied by Reg Davis' parents.

On the left further down turning to Lower Farm were two workmen's cottages. In one lived Sarah Ryder who had a son Dick. He lived in the Rectory Lodge by the Rectory and worked for the Hingeston-Randolphs mother thinks mainly as the gardener. At Lower Manor Farm lived the Browns with a son Leslie. Later the Colwills lived here.

Back to Cumberland Cottages where lived Jack and Nellie Ryder, also Eliza and Dick Farley and their married daughter Clara and her husband Bert Pearse with children Esme and Ronald. Next door was occupied by the Freeman family with several sons. In the end one (the "L" part) there lived a man called Triggs who always went by the name of "Two-man Triggs" because he always said he was equal to two men at work. He married a widow called Worthy who had a daughter Frances. Past the Inn was a cottage called "Hillside Cottage" in which lived Fred and Annie Triggs with daughter Rene. Annie died in her early thirties. Next was Hillside House and my mother lived here last before leaving Ringmore. Opposite Hillside House was "Dina's cottage" but no one lived in it as my mother's parents used it for storing. Belle Vue was lived in by a Roper who was originally chief officer ~~and~~ coast-guard at Chatham.

The Head Teacher at Ringmore was a Nellie Giles and the infant classes had various teachers including an Ethel Jarvis. Doctor Miles had the first car in Ringmore and he frequently came into the school to get some pupils to help push the car to start it. Mother and friends thought it an honour to be picked to help do the pushing.

"Billy Buttons" was not the miller of Noddon Mill and it was a ruin when mother was a child. Billy's surname was Miller. The mill was a play area for Ringmore children.

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Mother feels sure that the Institute and Reading Room was the same place with different village people using the different names for it. Most of the concerts, socials, dances etc. were held in this building.

The village carrier had the main conveyance to take villagers to and from Ringmore, Mother's father using it always for naval leave visits. He was a strict disciplinarian and whilst on leave would (presumably using his naval practice) line up Mother and her brothers every morning to allot to them their jobs for the day. They did not look forward to his home coming.

Mother hopes ^{this} will answer most of your questions and apologises should any of the people's names be spelt wrongly.

Yours sincerely,

Searle Terry

p.s. I enclose a photograph in very poor shape which is of Ringmore school children taken about 1910. Mother has identified some of them as numbered on the piece of plastic (tracing paper was too thick). You probably already have a similar better picture but please return this one to me at your leisure.

numbers identification:

- 1 ETHEL JARVIS. 2 BEATTIE HORSWILL. 3 FRANCIS JARVIS. 4 DOROTHEA TRIGGS (my mother). 5 FRANCES TRIGGS (mother's brother) 7 BERTIE HORSWILL. 8 CHARLIE HORSWILL. 9 NELLIE GILES (HEAD MISTRESS) 10 CECIL FREEMAN. 11 PHILIP TRIGGS AND 12 JAMES TRIGGS (mother's brothers) 13 TED MILLER 14 IVY HORSWILL. 15 FLOSSIE BARDENS AND 16 KITTY BARDENS (two cousins).

My mother is not well enough to make a recording - I'm sorry to say. d.f.s.

LUCY CLEEVE
BINKHAM HILL
YELVERTON
DEVON
PL20 6BB
26 July '94

Mr Grimshaw,
Middle Manor,
Ringmore.

Dear Mr. Grimshaw,

Regarding the
photograph you have of my mother's (school group)
I write to inform you that as from 4th August '94
(for its return) my address will be:

WALNUT DEAN,
HORN LANE,
PLYMSTOCK,
PLYMOUTH,
DEVON,
PL9 9BR.

'Phone 0752/402878.

We have discovered an excellent photograph*
of the area outside Ringmore Church (the meeting of the
roads) which my mother says was always known as "Two Trees"
with the two trees in it and churchyard backing together with
the two relation young sailors. If you would like to
borrow it please let me know.

* date
approx. 1910.

Yours sincerely,
Debbie L. Terry

2 August 94.
Returned photo of
School group.
Asked to borrow
photo of Church.

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WALNUT DEAN,
HORN LANE,
PLYMSTOCK,
PLYMOUTH,
PL9 9BR.

15th Jan '95.

Dear Mr. Grimshaw,

Thank you for the opportunity of seeing some "Ringmore Parish Newsletters", my mother was delighted ~~in~~ reading about the village as well as her own contributions. I am returning the newsletter herewith. Also thanks for the Christmas card.

Recently my mother was telling me about the "Round House" at Ringmore - it may still be there - but when she was young it was part of farm buildings which were ~~on~~ on the left side going down towards the "fourways End" from the Church and almost opposite the Higher Manor Farm and owned by the same farmer (Moore). My mother says the various farm machines, including winnowers, crushers and reed crushers, were worked by using horses circulating in the "Round House" to give power, the days according to how many machines were being used in the adjacent barn the number of horses would be in circulation. She's seen one horse there when only one machine was in use and occasionally as many as three ^{horses} together. You may find this of interest but we're not sure whether the Round House is still in existence.

Hope everything goes well with you and your History Society.

Best Wishes,

Sincerely, Leanne Terry.

CORRESPONDENCE FROM SEARLE TERRY WITH MOTHER'S REMINISCENCES

Dated 15th January 1995

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Recently my mother was telling me about the 'Roundhouse' of Ring more - it may still be there - but when she was young it was part of farm buildings which were on the left side going down towards the 'Journey's End' from the Church and almost opposite the Church and almost opposite the Higher Manor Farm and owned by the same farmer (Moore). My mother says the various farm machines including winnowers, crushers and reed combers were worked by horses circulating in the 'Round House' to give power the days according to how many machines were being used in the adjacent barn the number of horses would be in circulation. She's seen one horse there when only one machine was in use and occasionally as many as three horses together. You may find this of interest but we are not sure if the Round House is still in existence.
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Best wishes,

Sincerely, (signed) Searle Terry

*Replied by Dennis Collier
20/3/2010*