

We had a number of problems with the December Newsletter. Apologies to anyone who received one that was difficult to read. We had varied comments not all complimentary; so, we have proof that it is being read! They varied from 'that was a waste of paper' to (about the same contribution), 'have you any spare copies'? If anyone would like to write an article about their pet subject or air their views please let us have a copy at Cliff Path. Most months the newsletter will not be issued until after the Parish Council Meeting, which is normally on the first Tuesday in the month. If you wish to advertise a date please think WELL AHEAD.

Please note the latest addition to our most valued advertisers. ROSEMARY of MODBURY and give her your support.

RAINFALL. From the 2 Dec. to 31 Dec. 1985 4 13/16 inches of rain fell in Ringmore. Total for 1985 was 36 1/2 inches.

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PARISH COUNCIL

Understandably, so soon after Christmas and the New Year, there was little business to be considered at the meeting on 7 January.

162 trees, which arrived as promised in December, had all been planted around the village and it was agreed that a further planting would be undertaken next winter. Two of the three footpaths to Ayrmer Cove were still in a very unsatisfactory state and the help of the County Council Footpaths Officers had been sought. Rebecca Dodds had agreed to take over, from her sister Sarah, the cleaning of the bus shelter. Discussions were still proceeding on the installation of speed ramps at Challaborough and on the safeguarding of the remaining Parish Boundary Stones.

PARISH EMERGENCY TEAM..

Further to the entry in the December newsletter, now that the festive season is over, perhaps a few of our parishioners would like to consider joining the Parish Emergency Team. A series of six instructional talks is being arranged by the WRVS for the Bigbury Emergency Team, and Ringmore are invited to send volunteers. The WRVS Welfare Course starts at 7.30 p.m. Monday 17 February 1986 in the Memorial Hall, St. Anne's Chapel. So if you are wondering what to do on six of the winter evenings why not go along to the course. Please contact Mrs. Netta Butler of Challaborough on Bigbury 462 or Mr. Guy Eddy on Bigbury 203. However should you wish to do a course of Emergency Operations, without getting involved with the Parish Emergency Team, there are a number of day courses available. For details ring Guy Eddy on Bigbury 203. Ringmore team and committee members are reminded that there will be a meeting at the Journeys End Inn at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday 22 January 1986.

INTER-PARISH QUIZ

In the first round Ringmore have been drawn against Kingston, with the first leg taking place at the Reading Room, Kingston on Tuesday 21 January 1986 at 8 p.m. The second leg will take place in Ringmore in the second half of February. Teams are made up of four members ideally we need at least six to cover sickness and with as wide a range of interests as possible. Please don't hide your light under a Bushel but join in what could be a highly entertaining evening. Names as soon as possible to Mr. Guy Eddy on Bigbury 203.

THE PARISH CHURCH

THANKYOU to the people who gave so generously when the Carol Singers came round on a very damp night; and THANKYOU also to those who sent donations. In the end we were able to send up over £70 for work amongst handicapped and dis-advantaged children in the lands of the Bible.

UNITED WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP. The meeting on THURSDAY 6 FEBRUARY will be at "Wave Crest", Marine Drive, Bigbury-on-Sea, starting at 2.30 p.m. The programme will include a Nature Film shown by Mr. Isaac.

EASTER is on the early side this year, which means that we shall be into the season of Lent in February.

ASH WEDNESDAY - 12 February. Holy Communion Services at:- Bigbury 8 a.m.
, Ringmore 9.30 a.m.
Kingston 11 a.m.

On the remaining Wednesdays in Lent there will be a Holy Communion Service at BIGBURY - 9.30 a.m.

THE LENT BIBLE STUDIES also start on Ash Wednesday. Every Wednesday in Lent at the Rectory - 7.30 p.m.

WOMENS WORLD DAY OF PRAYER. This will be held in RINGMORE Church on Friday 7 March. Details nearer the time.

CONFIRMATION. There is to be a Confirmation Service in June at Stokenham Parish Church. Plans for a Service in our own Church have had to be abandoned through lack of support. We shall therefore present candidates at Stokenham. Anyone who is

interested is invited to a preliminary meeting at the Rectory at 3 p.m. on Sunday 16 March. PLEASE NOTE THE DATE NOW.. Even if you are not quite sure whether you want to go forward for Confirmation or not, you are welcome to attend this meeting which will not put you under any obligation to come to the subsequent sessions. In the case of children under 15 years of age it is helpful if a parent can be present on 16 March.

SUNDAY SERVICES. 12 January 6 p.m. Evening Prayer.
19 January 9 a.m. Holy Communion.
26 January 11 a.m. Morning Prayer.
2 February 9 a.m. Holy Communion with hymns.
9 February 6 p.m. Evening Prayer.

SHROVE TUESDAY COFFEE MORNING on SHROVE TUESDAY 11 FEBRUARY at 10.30 a.m. at ARYMER HOUSE RINGMORE by kind invitation of Mrs. Ella Dodds. This event is in aid of the SAVE THE CHILDREN FUND. Please come and mention this date to people in other villages.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL.

At their last meeting of the year, the Parochial Church Committee heard reports from all members on the various sections for which they had responsibilities. Among other items, they discussed whether the plaster on the west wall of the Hall should be replaced or removed entirely and, the stonework repointed if it was in a good enough condition. This will be investigated. Mr. Brunskill was congratulated on the first twelve months of the Parish Newsletter, which everyone enjoyed reading. Miss Trueman reported on the Deanery Synod's discussion of the report on "A Strategy for the Church's Ministry"; whether the suggestions in the report are adopted or not, it seemed likely that the lay people of local churches may be required to take on more of the day-to-day affairs.

The Patron of the living (who takes in turn with the patrons of Bigbury the appointment of Rectors of the new United Benefice) is the Rev. N. MacDonald Ramm, who is a Vicar in Oxford. He has recently been honoured by both Church and State, having been appointed a Canon of Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford and then, a month or so later, appointed a Chaplain to the Queen. The PCC congratulated him on these honours and in his reply, thanking the PCC, Canon Ramm says that he hopes to visit us in 1986. He sends us all his best wishes for a happy New Year.

W.I. NEWS

Suzanne's first meeting as president was the Christmas Party at the Journey's End.. Hazel and Ray provided an excellent (visually and nutritionally!) buffet; thanks to them and their staff, especially Alfred who waited on so superbly.

Entertainers Steve (stepping in for Sam who was ill) and Tish soon had everyone joining in, with songs ranging from "You are my sunshine" to slightly less decorous items! Their range of musical instruments included guitar, spoons, auto-harp, flat backed mandolin and mouth organ not forgetting the squeeze box. Versatility was the musical key note of the evening both in vocals and instrumentals.

Raffle prizes were won by Derek China, Sally Davis and Rosemary Tate. The mellow atmosphere and super entertainment meant a truly enjoyable evening for all members and guests.

SOUTH HAMS SOCIETY

THURSDAY 6 MARCH at CHARLETON VILLAGE HALL. Mr. M.Darch on HISTORY of SCHOONERS and the FRUIT TRADE. NON MEMBERS WELCOME.

Annual BUFFET PARTY Friday 25 April 1986 at South Efford House.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING at the OLD GRAMMAR SCHOOL KINGSBRIDGE at 7.30 p.m. on Thursday 20 March, 1986.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION The next meeting will be at the JOURNEYS END on 7 Feb at 7.30 p.m.

WOMENS SECTION Whist drive. Monday 3 February 8 p.m. W.I. Hall Ringmore. Prizes-Raffle - Refreshments. EVERYONE WELCOME.

SPRING SALE Saturday 22 February at 2 p.m. Memorial Hall, St. Ann's Chapel.

PANTOMIME - BIGBURY PLAYERS invite you all to come and enjoy an evening of PANTOMIME on THURSDAY, FRIDAY and SATURDAY 30, 31 Jan. and 1 Feb. at 8 p.m. MEMORIAL HALL, ST. ANN'S CHAPEL. They present PETER PAN and WENDY. Anyone who doesn't believe in Fairies should not be put off. Pirates Indians and lost boys dominate this chaotic version of an old favourite. Anyone who does believe in Fairies is particularly welcome. Tickets 21 Adults 50p Children and Old Age Pensioners. Available from local Post Offices. Table seating. Refreshments available tea and coffee or bring your own bottle and glasses if you wish.

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