

By the time you read this Newsletter perhaps the snow and very cold weather will be over: but 'it's an ill wind.....' we can now boast of one of our villagers on the "Tele", as well as Kingston! Please note another APPEAL for HELP that had to be held over from last month. Also, for the WORLD WILDLIFE FUND PLEASE save your old POSTAGE STAMPS and let Suzanne have them at the POST OFFICE.

Not to be outdone by Mr. Shah, we are using a better grade of paper for the Newsletter and Julia is using her own typewriter. We hope you have noticed the difference. For next months Newsletter, Mr. Gordon Waterhouse has kindly agreed to contribute "NATURE NOTES", reminding us of what to look out for in April. The "spirit" in the village, especially during the snow and cold weather was what we have grown accustomed to in the Parish. Not to be taken for granted, it is created by everyone making an effort to help everyone else. These thoughtful acts very rarely get mentioned or are even known about, so thank you everyone.

THE PARISH CHURCH

CONFIRMATION - LAST OPPORTUNITY. Anyone thinking about the possibilities of going forward for Confirmation is invited to an introductory "UNDER-NO-OBLIGATION" meeting at the Rectory. 3 p.m. on SUNDAY 16 MARCH. No candidates can be accepted after that date.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE LADIES.

1. WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - 2.30 p.m. - RINGMORE PARISH CHURCH FRIDAY 7 MARCH
Speaker: DEACONESS FRY (of St. Andrew's, Plymouth)
2. APRIL WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP - The postponed meeting, at which Mr. Isaac will be showing a Nature Film, will be at "Wavecrest", Marine Drive, Bigbury-on-Sea.
2.30 p.m. THURSDAY 3 APRIL.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER.

Palm Sunday 23 March	11 a.m.	Morning Prayer.
Wednesday 26 March	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion at BIGBURY.
	7.30 p.m.	Bible Study in the Rectory.
Maundy Thur. 27 March	7.30 p.m.	Holy Communion at KINGSTON.
Good Friday. 28 March	11 a.m.	Litany and Ante-Communion.
EASTER DAY. 30 March	9.30 a.m.	Service of Easter Praise followed by Holy Communion. (Similar Services:- 8 a.m. Kingston. 11 a.m. Bigbury.)

SUNDAY SERVICES:

9 March	6 p.m.	Evening Prayer.
16 March	9 a.m.	Holy Communion.
23 March	11 a.m.	Morning Prayer.
30 March	9.30 a.m.	Easter Service - see above.
6 April	9 a.m.	Holy Communion (with hymns)
13 April	6 p.m.	Evening Prayer.

CHURCH ANNUAL MEETING. Elections of Churchwarden, Parochial Church Council, Sidesmen, etc.; Presentation of Accounts; News and Reports. 7.30 p.m. TUESDAY 8 APRIL IN THE CHURCH HALL.

From the Rector.

EASTER JOY

Dear Friends,

Brrrrrr! The snow is coming down again as I write these words in response to a request to provide an Easter message for the News Bulletin. If you did not already know, I doubt if I could convince you that those dead-looking seeds and bulbs which have been buried in the earth, will not only spring to life but will produce something infinitely more beautiful than themselves. But you DO know - from personal experience.

The first Easter Day was a bit like that. The stories in the gospels are of people saddened, perplexed, weeping, frightened, shattered by the events of Good Friday. There could be no joy if Jesus was dead, and the people were going to take a lot of convincing - as many still do, and some of the doubters are bishops!- that the dead body placed in the tomb had sprung to life in a more glorious spectacular form. Just over 500 people were so sure the miracle had happened, that they were ready to testify to the truth of the Resurrection; and their testimony was so convincing that, before long, the whole world was being turned upside down by the dramatic news that JESUS WAS ALIVE. How could these people be so sure? The answer is: in the same way that you and I are sure that those seeds and bulbs will produce the snowdrops, primroses, daffodils, tulips, in all their glorious array. They knew - from personal experience. They had met with the Risen Lord and He had transformed their lives. There was no holding them after that, and everyone could see the change from sadness to joy, from fear and perplexity to boldness and assurance, which Jesus brought. It could no more be denied than we could pretend that Spring flowers do not appear in their colourful display.

Maybe we Christians do not show forth the "glory of the Lord" as much as we should, but a weary world certainly needs to see the evidence that JESUS LIVES: that He lives

not only to conquer death and assure us that the grave is not the end, but also to give us here and now "Life more abundant" (His words, not mine).

No-one need miss out on the triumphant experience of Easter, for JESUS IS ALIVE TODAY, ready to reveal Himself to the eye of faith, and to prove the reality of His Resurrection in the transformation of our lives. My life, alas, may not demonstrate as it should the glory of Easter Victory, but that does not invalidate my claim that Jesus lives. After all, even a weed can prove that it has life which is strong enough to push its way through a concrete path. As you run for the weed-killer, you may not admire the intruder, but you cannot deny that it exists.....and persists! Even the weakest Christian will acknowledge that, however short he falls of what he ought to be, he has an unshakable conviction that JESUS LIVES. How can he be so sure? The answer is the same again: his assurance is born of personal experience. By faith he has asked the Risen Lord to come into his heart and life, and he KNOWS that Jesus has made all the difference, giving him here and now a life that is "more abundant", and the promise of "fulness of joy" in the world to come.

YOU need not miss out on that. Invite HIM into your heart and life, and join us as we sing those high Alleluias of Easter which stretch the vocal chords, and strain the tonsils, and strike the note of confidence: I KNOW - from personal experience - that JESUS LIVES!

PARISH COUNCIL

Snow. The Parish Council passed a vote of thanks to its Chairman, Mr. K. Williams, to the Highways Department and to Mr. and Mrs. Race, of the Post Office, for all the additional work they undertook for the village, during the freeze.

Annual Parish Meeting

This will take place on Tuesday 1 April, and it is hoped that it will be attended by Mr. Simon Day of Devon County Council and by Mr. Frank Palmer, the new Chief Executive of South Hams District Council. It is hoped that a large number of members of the public will attend and ask questions on any matters of concern to them.

Boundary Change. A map has now been received, showing the exact change in the boundary between Ringmore and Kingston. An attempt is to be made to obtain a copy at a suitable scale for exhibition on notice boards. Meanwhile, any member of the public who wishes to see the large map do so by approaching a member of the Parish Council.

Planning. The Council decided to oppose an application by Bigbury Bay Holiday Camp, Challaborough to spread out their caravans over the present car park - thus enlarging the area covered by caravans and bringing it nearer to Ringmore.

"Aunt Peggy". Miss Watson died on the day of the Council Meeting, in her hundred and fourth year. The Council agreed that all who knew this much-loved lady would wish to have a suitable memorial to her. A preliminary suggestion is an inscribed seat, to be placed on the Bowling Green near to "Carmel" where Aunt Peggy lived so happily. This would provide a welcome resting place on the walk from Challaborough to Ringmore village. A final decision will be made at the Annual Parish Meeting.

W.I. News

Despite the bitterly cold weather, there was a good turnout for the February meeting, when Chris Trant of Mill Leat Trout Farm at Ermington was the speaker. An excellent ambassador for the buying, eating and even catching of more fish, Chris gave a history of the trout farm, and spoke about the life cycle of the trout, illustrated by slides. The 'fattening farm' as Chris called it, sells 120,000 rainbow trout per annum, so long as problems with herons, kingfishers and human poachers are kept to a minimum! In this environmentally conscious age, the talk was, as members questions showed, greatly appreciated, and this was reflected in Ardene Bennett's vote of thanks. With enthusiastic 'advertising' for the benefits of eating fish, and prolific 'plugs' for Mill Leat Trout Farm, Chris culminated his talk by showing members how easy it is to cook and serve rainbow trout, with a generous free tasting for all members. The monthly raffle was won by Margaret Locke.

Our March meeting will be held on Thursday 13 March at 7.30 p.m. The speaker is Chris Pearce who will be giving an illustrated talk on "Wildlife". As this subject is of particular interest to many people this meeting is open to all. We will welcome non-members and guests at 8.15 p.m. Admission 30p to include coffee/tea and biscuits. Do join us.

White Elephant and Jumble Sale on Saturday 5 April at 2.30 p.m. Proceeds to St. Lukes Hospice. Please sort your jumble and anything suitable for the white elephant stall. Articles to be taken (or will be collected) to Ringmore W.I. Hall or Alice Mason or Ringmore Post Office. Please support us.

PRECIPITATION From 3.2.86. to 3.3.86. 5/8" (Snow).

BRITISH LEGION WOMANS SECTION SPRING SALE. Thank you to everybody who helped, contributed and came to our SPRING SALE. Over £140 was made for the ROYAL BRITISH LEGION.

A COFFEE MORNING. 20 March. A Coffee Morning and Nearly New in aid of the NSDCC at Robin's Close, Kingston, starting at 10.30 a.m.

THE CHATELAINLANDS branch of the NSPCC have arranged a really super evening at the Shire Horse Centre on 9 April at 7.30 p.m. Faith Boutique of Modbury will be showing her Spring collection and Nicholas will be demonstrating hair styling and make-up to complement your new Spring outfit. The tickets are £5.50 each, to include a finger buffet and a glass of wine. Tickets can be obtained at Faith's, Nicholas' or locally, from Annabel Major, Bigbury 354.

HELP HELP HELP

Have you any JIGSAWS and CLOTHES for which you no longer have a need. For the house-bound we require JIGSAWS of 1000 pieces or less. For families in need we require GOOD CHILDRENS CLOTHING AND SHOES AND MENS AND BOYS CLOTHING AND SHOES. PLEASE CONTACT PAM BRUNSKILL AT CLIFF PATH. BIGBURY 654. THANK YOU.

INTER PARISH QUIZ

The team would like to thank all who came along to the Quiz night at the W.I. on 11 February. The support was much appreciated and helped to make it an interesting evening. Our thanks are also due to Mrs. Eddy and her helpers who supplied the refreshments. Unfortunately we did not succeed in beating Kingston who over the two legs won by 181-161, but it has opened a new avenue of entertainment for the winter months. We are hoping that when we are forming a team in the autumn there will be no shortage of volunteers. Kingston have been drawn at home in the next round against South Brent at a date to be arranged this month. The date when known will be displayed in the Post Office.

CONSERVATION

This is DEVON COUNTY COUNCIL CONSERVATION YEAR. Ringmore has certainly made a good start with all the trees that have been planted both by individuals and your Parish Council. More trees will be available in the Autumn. So, sometime before then, have a look round your patch of garden and earmark a spot where you could plant a tree. Advice on variety can be given if required. Let your parish council know in good time of your requirements.

Quotes..... Care of the environment can no longer be the concern of the few. It must motivate us all. L. HUBBARD D.C.F. CHAIRMAN.

It is an arrogant assumption to say that human beings are Lords and Masters of the lower creations. On the contrary they are the trustees of the lower animal kingdom.

CONSERVATION

MABATMA GANDHI.

White gardenias, orchids rare,
Their total loss I'd somehow bear.
Gladioli, tulips tall,
I'd hardly miss at all.
But tell me that on sunny slope
In springtime I could never hope
To find a cluster, pale and sweet,
Of modest cowslips at my feet,
And I would say, "Let progress go,
The simple joys I'd rather know."

BATCHAT. 1986 is NATIONAL BAT YEAR. The aims are to raise public awareness to these sensitive animals. They are threatened by two major problems, loss of roosting sites and shortage of food. The Wildlife and Countryside act 1981 gives fuller protection to bats than to other wild animals. It is an offence to damage, destroy or obstruct access to any place that a bat uses for shelter or protection or to disturb a bat while occupying that place. This applies to houses or outbuildings including churches. BATS are NOT blind but have quite good eyesight which they use mainly for navigation. Their hearing is highly developed and they use a kind of sonar to avoid obstacles and locate food. This is of quite short range and is why BATS twist and turn because they only "see" insects or obstacles when they are quite close to them. BATS have fur, are intelligent, suckle their young and have a complex social life. BATS do NOT get into your hair! If anyone would like to "Adopt a BAT box" contact Bat Groups of Britain, c/o Zoological Society of London, Regents Park London N.W.1.

4RY. You will get feedback about BATS in Your Box! Our local contact is Carlime Steel, Devon T.N.C. 35, Newbridge St., Exeter. If you would like to make a BAT box (or buy) for installation in a tree or building please contact us at Cliff Path.

Sometime ago a request was made for street lighting in the village, this was turned down but it prompted the following:-

THE PARISH LANTERN

When we walk out into the village at night;
We have no town or city light;
But we have the moon above
which comes to us in its quarter turn
And when it's full, it is our Parish Lantern.

It floods all nature with its silvery light
which fills our hearts with delight
We know the Lord in all his wisdom
Has placed it there to guide the Kingdom

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And to use its power for the ocean tides to turn
And for us to use our Parish Lantern. Eric Lock

ADVERTISEMENTS

RINGMORE POST OFFICE STORES SPRING IS COMING! WE HAVE A WIDE RANGE OF UNUSUAL EASTER EGGS AVAILABLE NOW. PLEASE SUPPORT US.

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OLD ROSES (for the last time!)

The arrival of the CHINA roses in the 18th century where they had been cultivated for 1000 years or more, brought with them a rich crimson colour and their perpetual flowering habit. Their faults were lack of scent and delicate constitution. The perpetual flowering habit of our modern roses is due to the China rose.

BOURBON ROSES. Although the more recent of our "old roses" some of them are over 100 years old. These are the roses for you if you yearn for the old fashioned form and scent but are disappointed in the once only flowering of the ancient roses. The first Bourbon was a chance seedling in about 1819, found on the island of Bourbon (now Reunion) A cross, it is thought, between a China and a Damask rose.

The EMPRESS JOSEPHINE had a formidable collection of roses at Malmaison. Interest in rose breeding was so great at this time that, despite the Napoleonic wars, an English nurseryman, called Kennedy, came and went between England and France with his roses quite freely.

Today up to 20 Boubons are offered by nurserymen and most flower just as often and as prolifically as any modern rose. Really the best of both worlds. The following are among the most popular.

Souvenir de la Malmaison 1843. Named by the Grand Duke of Russia in memory of Josephine. La Reine Victoria 1872. Louise Odier 1851 still in flower last year in December. Mm. Isaac Pereire 1880. Zephirine Droubin 1868 Climber and thornless. Old Roses are admittedly an acquired taste (so is old wine) but their indefinable charm is a quieter and more subtle thing than the appeal of the modern rose as beautiful as they are.

If you attended the Emergency Team's Field Exercise you will remember the Boiler that cooked the stew and boiled the water so efficiently. They are called SOYER boilers after Alexis Soyer who was Florence Nightingale's "right hand man". He was instrumental in producing the boiler for the troops in the Crimea, which certainly saved a lot of suffering and saved lives. There is still nothing as efficient for heating water in the field.

MARCH

I wonder what spendthrift chose to spill
Such bright gold under my window sill!
Is it fairy gold? Does it glitter still?
Bless me! It is a daffodil.
O March that blusters and March that blows,
What colour under your footsteps glows!
Beauty you summon from winter snows,
And you are the pathway that leads to the rose.

Not everyone likes or appreciates poetry (Ah! Well! it takes all sorts!:) The following is a reply from a poet to a critic.

Sir, I admit your general rule
That every poet is a fool,
But you yourself may serve to show it,
That every fool is not a poet.

SOAP SAVER

Buy soap months ahead. Take off wrapping and store in dry airy place such as airing cupboard. Two or even three tablets should be in use at the same time leaving one or two to dry out for a few days. Cleaner wash basins and a definite worthwhile saving can be made in this way.