

Just a reminder that the various requests and appeals for WASTE PAPER, STAMPS, CLOTHS, JIGSAWS, VOLUNTEERS to look after a tree, or help with CHURCH MAINTENANCE etc. are all "on going" requirements. Please keep these requests in mind, always. Mr. and Mrs. Pickles of Modbury have kindly agreed to advertise in our Newsletter. Please give all our advertisers your support. THEY ARE SUPPORTING OUR NEWSLETTER. RAINFALL from 3.3.86. to 31.3.86. $3\frac{3}{8}$ inches of rain fell in Kingmore.

A Thank You.

"Aunt Peggy's" family would like to thank the kind friends who did so much to make the Thanksgiving Service in her memory so beautiful. The flowers in the Church had never looked lovelier and so many people have told us how beautiful they thought the service was. Will those responsible please accept our very grateful thanks. KGF

MODEBURY PLAN

This plan includes OUR village KINGMORE. If you would like to look at the plan (it is very easy to read and understand) contact your Parish Councillor. Your support or objection to any item will be welcomed by the District Council. THEY DO READ THEM AND TAKE NOTE OF WHAT YOU SAY. Simple forms available with the plan. Your comments do have to be with the District Council by the 14 April.

MEMORIAL HALL. ST. ANNE'S CHAPEL.

All enquiries, bookings, obtaining key etc. to BARDEN'S of BIGBURY.

PARISH COUNCIL.

THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING was held on Tuesday 1 April.

In addition to the seven members of the Parish Council, Mrs. Myra Eddy as Acting Clerk and nine members of the public, the meeting was attended by a number of distinguished visitors - Mr. Simon Day, our representative on Devon County Council; Mr. Gilbert Sercombe, our representative on South Hams District Council; Mr. Tremlett, the Director of Finance of South Hams District Council; Police Inspector Wilkinson and Sergeant O'Flaherty of Kingsbridge Police.

Brief reports were first given on matters which had been discussed at the last Annual Meeting:-

Skip Service: The Parish Council had been warned that there might be no skip in Kingmore this year, because the Contractors feared vandalism to their lights and cones. Fortunately, the problem was solved with the co-operation of Mr. Ray Hollins, who agreed to the parking of the skip on the Journeys End car park.

Church Donation: The donation for the upkeep of the churchyard had been increased, in line with inflation.

Bottle Bank: There was now a bottle bank on the lower car park at Kingsbridge, which was satisfactory for the village.

Notice Boards: There was now a satisfactory notice board at Challaborough.

Arrangements were in hand for a better notice board in Ringmore - possibly alongside the church wall.

Emergency Committee: Mr. Eddy reported on a very satisfactory exercise, in which 13 members from Kingmore participated and a meal was cooked for 65 people, in the grounds of the W.I. Hall. The Church Hall was equipped as an Emergency Rest Centre.

District Council. Mr. Sercombe told the meeting that the main achievements of the South Hams District Council, in 1985, had been the improvements to the sea wall at Dartmouth and the start on building a Leisure Centre Complex at Ivybridge. Progress was being made towards the planning of a by-pass for Aveton Gifford.

There was some discussion of the cost of Leisure Centres, which were of no benefit to rate-payers living in remote villages, such as Kingmore. Mr. Tremlett pointed out that, even two years ago when it was new, the Kingsbridge Centre cost each rate-payer only 2p per week. It now almost covered its running costs. The Centre at Ivybridge would not be a burden on the rates, because its capital cost had been off-set by land transactions and it had a much larger catchment area than Kingsbridge.

Mr. Tremlett explained that many of the matters dealt with by the District Council were very controversial. For example, in this area there was acute pressure on house prices and many second homes. This made it very difficult for low-earners to buy houses and the sale of Council houses meant that there were fewer to rent. The Council was now able to build few houses - mainly for old people.

Unemployment was another serious problem, but the solutions, such as small industrial estates, the proposed port at Dartmouth and the encouragement of tourism, were all very divisive.

County Council. Mr. Simon Day said that he realised that people came to live in villages such as Kingmore because they wanted them to be protected and not developed.

In reply to a question about the high reserve for inflation in the current rate demand, he said that, even if Devon County Council had still been controlled by Conservatives the reserve would have been needed for unexpected wage increases e.g. for teachers or police. It was not possible, in such circumstances, to levy a supplementary rate. If the reserve was not needed, the money would return to rate-payers next year. Mr. Day was asked how the County Council justified its support for the building of the Okehampton by-pass through Dartmoor National Park - in violation of National Park principles. He said that he thought the fringes of

Bartmoor were relatively unimportant, compared with its heartland, especially as the alternative route was more expensive and involved very good farmland. Okehampton residents wanted, above all, an end to uncertainty.

Police. Inspector Wilkinson said that theft, of and from cars, was one of the greatest problems in the area. This was encouraged by the fact that many cars were left unlocked, with valuables clearly visible. In reply to a question about the possibility of drafting in extra police in the summer, from areas whence the tourists came, he said that this had been tried in Torquay, Exeter, Plymouth and Newquay, but it was not practicable in smaller places.

There was some discussion about the demand from Challaborough residents for speed ramps at the approach to the camp; with an appropriate sign on the public road. Both Inspector Wilkinson and Mr. Day promised their support if it proved necessary to take this matter up with the Highways Committee.

The need for a mirror at St. Ann's Chapel was again raised and Mr. Day suggested a joint approach, with Bigbury Parish Council, to the Highways Committee.

Chairman's Report. Mr. Williams welcomed the recent influx of young and middle-aged families to Ringmore. Newcomers had been made to feel welcome and had integrated into the life of the village. The village now catered for a wide variety of interests - with the Historic Society going from strength to strength; the Women's Institute flourishing; the British Legion and its popular Whist Drives and the active Emergency Committee.

Two well known and well liked local residents had recently died and would be missed by all. Both Mr. May and Miss Watson had given yeoman service to the Parish Church and Mr. May had served for fifteen years on the Parish Council.

During the very hard winter, the village had received sterling help from the County snow clearing team and a letter of appreciation had been sent.

The Parish Clerk had recently resigned and the Council was grateful for her past help.

One of the most important current issues was a consideration of the Modbury Plan - for which a special meeting was to be held the next day. Individuals were invited to submit their own comments to the District Council, if they wished to do so.

THE PARISH CHURCH

SPARKLING NEWS. Very many thanks to the members of our Church Council and congregation who, over a period of two weeks, gave our Church a thorough spring-clean.

ALARMING NEWS. All kinds of strange things could happen, and all kinds of changes be made - and you would know nothing of what had been done without your approval, until it was too late.

You can, of course, guard against such disaster by being present at our ANNUAL PAROCHIAL MEETING. All whose names are on the Church's Electoral Roll are entitled to be present and to vote. 7.30 p.m. - 8 April - in the Church Hall.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP. April Meeting - Thursday 3 April at Wavecrest, Bigbury-on-Sea at 2.30 Programme includes Nature Film. May Meeting - Thursday 1 May - 2.30.

Details to be announced.

CHURCHWARDENS. The Archdeacon's Visitation will be at 7 p.m. on Tuesday 6 May at St. Edmund's Church, Kingsbridge.

CONFIRMATION. Candidates are reminded that the first preparation session is at 5 p.m. on Thursday 10 April, at the Rectory.

<u>CHURCH SERVICES.</u>	6 April	9 a.m.	Holy Communion (with hymns).
	13 April	6 p.m.	Evening Prayer.
	20 April	9 a.m.	Holy Communion.
	27 April	11 a.m.	Morning Prayer.
	4 May	9 a.m.	Holy Communion (with hymns).
	11 May	6 p.m.	Evening Prayer.

CHURCH REGISTERS.

BURIAL OF ASHES (at Bigbury)

12 February John Charles May Aged 85.

BURIAL OF ASHES AND MEMORIAL SERVICE

15 March Margaret Fraser Watson Aged 103.

RINGMORE W.I.

All were welcome at the Ringmore March meeting, where an excellent illustrated talk about the Wildlife of Bearscombe was given by Kingsbridge photographer Chris Pierce.

Members and visitors alike were enthralled by the superb slides Chris showed, astonished at the variety of wildlife within a relatively small local area, and amazed (even inspired!) by Chris's patience in spending long hours in hides waiting, sometimes to no avail, to photograph various creatures. Chris 'educated' the audience in a lively and interesting manner by giving snippets of information about more than 30 different species of wildlife, from bank voles to pheasants. All who were present agreed that those not there missed a treat, and it seemed all too quickly that the delightful slides were over. The vote of thanks was given by Barbara Taylor, and raffle prizes were won by Mary St. Aubyn and Suzanne Race.

NATURE NOTES

Is Spring here? The first migrants - the Lesser Black-backed Gulls - began to return from the North African coast more than a month ago; their darker grey backs and yellow legs separate them from the similar sized Herring Gull. Ravens have been sitting on their nests on the cliffs also since the end of February and can be seen turning and rolling in the up-currents along the cliffs like 2nd world war fighter aces, celebrating the return of longer days with Sonorous 'Kronking' calls. Sand Martins - if they have survived in their drought stricken wintering quarters in the Sahara will have been prospecting their nesting holes on the low cliffs at Bantham, since mid-March.

But the plants are the most obvious signs of spring. The catkins and small red female flowers of Hazel, pale yellow of primrose and dark yellow of the coltsfoot, growing out of bare ground, leafless with scales, like horses feet up the stem and similar bright yellow of the buttercup Lesser Celandine with small spade shaped leaves spreading everywhere. The most unobtrusive herald of spring is Town Hall Clock. This has a greenish yellow head of flowers on a slender stalk about 4" high. The flower faces four ways, like a town hall clock. It has been used as a symbol of Christian watchfulness, growing unobtrusively at the base of shady hedgebanks it will be cut now for those who look hard. Its other name is Moschatel and its scientific name, Adoxa, means lacking in glory. GW

South Hams Society.

The Annual Buffet Party will be held at South Efford House, Aveton Gifford, on Friday 25 April 1986 at 7.30 p.m. for 8 O'Clock.

We now have quite a large membership of the South Hams Society in Ringmore and it would be very pleasant if - as in previous years - we could have enough of us at the Buffet Supper to occupy a couple of large tables.

South Efford House is not far from Ringmore and provides an excellent buffet. If you would like to come, tickets (price £4.50) can be obtained from Ardene Bennett at Hill Cottage. (Telephone Bigbury on Sea 398).

If you saw and enjoyed the series of T.V. programmes about Devon Farms by Mr. ANDREW COOPER the Devon Naturalist, you have the opportunity of meeting him at the inaugural meeting of the newly-formed FRIENDS OF SLAPTON LEY FIELD CENTRE. 6.30 p.m. Saturday 3 MAY in Slapton Village Hall. Mr. Cooper will be speaking.

THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU
for the wonderful response to the request for Meals on Wheels drivers and mates. A magnificent total of 21 people volunteered their services plus seven more very busy people who volunteered as emergency reserves.

As many as were able met at a coffee morning on 12 March where information was given and the rota drawn up. This rota ends on 29 May 1986 so another get-together is planned for WEDNESDAY 21 MAY 1986, starting at 10.30 a.m., at Nodden Farmhouse, Marwell Cross, Ringmore. Tel: Bigbury - on-Sea 233.

The summer is always a difficult time for rotas because of holidays and holiday work. Therefore, anyone who would like to join the team in this very worthwhile scheme and give about two hours of their time once every 4-6 weeks, is very welcome.

The present scheme is well underway - meals have been delivered since 10 March - and it is much appreciated by the recipients and much enjoyed by the 'deliverers'. See you on 21 May - bring your diaries - and, again, thank you. M. Messervy WRVS.

ANOTHER THANK YOU

Grateful thanks to all who responded to my appeal for clothing and jigsaws. The latter give considerable pleasure to the housebound, so more will be appreciated. We are always in need of good clothing, so please keep us in mind. P. Brunskill.

N.S.P.C.C. A reminder of what must be a super evening at the Shire Horse Centre on the 9 April.

THE CHARTELANES 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.



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BRITISH LEGION. The next meeting will be at the PICKWICK on Friday 11 April at 7.30 p.m.

WOMEN'S SECTION. meet on Monday 7 April at West Ridge, Bigbury on Sea.

APRIL

Now the golden Morn aloft
Waves her dew-bespangled wing;
With vermeil cheek and whisper soft
She woo's the tardy spring:
Till April starts, and calls around
The sleeping fragrance from the ground,
And lightly o'er the living scene
Scatters his freshest, tenderest green.

THE PRIMROSE

Dost ask me, why I send thee here,
This firstling of the infant year-----
This lovely native of the vale,
That hangs so pensive and so pale?

Look on its bending stalk, so weak
That, each way yealding, doth not break,
And see how aptly it reveals
The doubts and fears a lover feels.

Look on its leaves of yellow hue
Depearl'd thus with morning dew,
And these will whisper in thine ears
'The sweets of love are washed with tears.