



There will be an opportunity to see the slides of OLD RINGMORE again or for the first time for comparative newcomers to the village. See Historical Society. Read BLACK MASS if you wondered what cars look like in drag, or is it on drag? We hope you will read it anyway.

RAINFALL. From 1.1.87. to 2.2.87. 1 3/8ths inches of rain fell in Ringmore.

N.W.

PARISH COUNCIL

Heritage Coast: After a long absence, the Heritage Coast team has returned to Ringmore. At the request of the Parish Council, they have moved the fences further from the newly planted trees - in order to give better protection from horses and cattle. The team is laying a deep, concrete drainage pipe across Smuggler's path, below the spring, and it is hoped that this will help considerably to reduce the flooding of the footpath. In consultation with Mr. Perraton, an attempt will also be made to improve the drainage of the footpath through the farm. The team has undertaken to place a notice at Toby's Point, warning of coast erosion, in addition to the notices near the actual damage.

Trees: The Parish Council has obtained, from Devon County Council, a supply of tree tags, which will be attached next autumn to newly-planted trees - as a warning to hedge trimmers.

Aveton Gifford By-pass: A meeting has been held, at Aveton Gifford, to discuss measures to minimise visual damage at the estuary end of the projected by-pass. Existing trees will be safe guarded wherever possible and further trees will be planted. Where Devon banks have to be destroyed, they will be replaced by new Devon banks, rather than by fences.

Aveton Gifford Regatta: Ringmore residents have been invited to attend the 1987 Aveton Gifford Regatta on the River Avon. This will be held at 5.30 p.m. on Sunday, 23 August - with events on the Recreation Ground earlier in the afternoon.

THE PARISH CHURCH

SEE NOTICE BOARD FOR TIMES OF SERVICES.

FAVOURITE HYMNS (5)

The Rev. H. V. Elliott wrote of this hymn: "In the course of a long ministry I hope I have been permitted to see some fruit of my labours; but I feel far more has been done by this single hymn of my sister's". His sister Charlotte was challenged by her own minister (the Rev. Dr. Caesar Malan) to MAKE A DECISION FOR CHRIST. She replied that she would try to make herself worthy to become a Christian, and Dr. Malan said: "You do not have to struggle for some peak of perfection. You can come to Christ just as you are." Those words "just as you are" stuck, and inspired her to write a great hymn which has been used to lead many people to a living personal faith in Christ as Saviour. The words are still true today, and anyone (you?) can make this hymn a prayer from the heart, and enter into the joy of Salvation through faith in the Lamb of God, the Lord Jesus Christ. Why not look up the hymn and make it your prayer - NOW. It begins: "Just as I am without one plea".

W.I.

Our next meeting is on Thursday 12 February at 7 p.m. The speaker is Mr. Gherkin who will talk about Homeopathy. Guests welcome at 8.15 p.m. MEMBERS a reminder to bring your suggestions along for the September trip.

RINGMORE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Don't forget the open meeting on Thursday 19 February at 7.30 p.m. in the W.I. Hall when

our slides of Old Ringmore will be shown.

The date for a talk on "Domesday and Devon" will not be on 9 April. A speaker is coming from Exeter University, but the date at the end of March or end of April is not yet fixed.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

The next meeting will be on 6 March at the Royal Oak.

WOMEN'S SECTION - ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Annual Spring Sale will be held at The Memorial Hall, St. Ann's Chapel, on Saturday 28 February at 2 p.m. There will be various stalls - Jumble - cakes - tombola - white elephant and a raffle. Tea and biscuits available at 15p. Admission to hall - adults 5p and children free. Profit to British Legion Charities.

WOMEN'S DAY OF PRAYER

World Centenary. Friday 6 March 2.30 p.m. Bigbury Church.

BIGBURY, RINGMORE & KINGSTON CONSERVATIVES A.G.M.

Saturday 21 March 7.15 p.m. followed by supper. £2 per head. Licensed Bar. Small House, Easton by kind invitation of Mrs. Mary Smallwood.

INTER PARISH QUIZ

As reported in the last newsletter. Bigbury v Kingston at Memorial Hall, St. Ann's Monday 9 February at 8 p.m. Kingston v Bigbury at Reading Room, Kingston Monday 16 February at 8 p.m. Your interest and support is encouraged.

MEALS ON WHEELS

A meeting will be held in the W.I. Hall Ringmore on Wednesday 25 February 1987. It is hoped all Drivers and Helpers will attend. Insurance premiums are due for 1987. Personal accident 40p. No claim bonus 1.50p.

FOR SALE

Jodhpurs, waist 30" - 32" - Riding boots, rubber almost new (9) - Hard Hat (6 1/4) 18 Carmen Combi Lotion Curlers - Linen (Bedspreads, sheets and curtains etc.) All good condition. Reasonable prices. Bigbury on Sea 810233.

ALFRED & MARGARET LOCKYER

On Wednesday 4 February Alfred and Margaret Lockyer left Ringmore for East Dereham, Norfolk. So ended an association with the village that had lasted for more than 30 years. Margaret came here in 1956 to nurse. Alfred came in the following year ahead of the new landlords Mr. & Mrs. George Clipstone. He stayed with them for five years and when they left for Australia he carried on with Mr. & Mrs. Barry Ledger. In 1966 Alfred and Margaret were married and lived at Westbury and later had built and lived at Ayrmer View. In 1976 Mr. Barry Ledger died and shortly after Mrs. Jean Ledger sold the Journey's End to Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hollins and so ended an association that had lasted 13 years. For the next 10 years Alfred worked at the J.E. with the Hollins and when they in turn left he carried on with Mr. and Mrs. Dunkley. On January 25 he retired and so ended an association of 29 1/2 years with the Journey's End. On Thursday 29 January a farewell party was held at the J.E. for Alfred and Margaret and a splendid occasion it was. Friend old and young came from far and wide to wish them well. Over £100 was donated by their friends which was used to purchase engraved glasses and a typewriter (for Alf to write his memoirs). These gifts were presented by the two ex landlords and the present owner on behalf of one and all. The Inn was packed and Alfred was also presented with the old carved ashtray which had been polished by him for all the time that he was at the J.E. It was suitably embellished with a presentation plaque which would serve as a reminder of days past. We wish them well in their new home.

Margaret and Alfred are sorry they have been unable to see everyone before leaving, but would like to take this opportunity of saying Cheerio to all our friends. We hope to return in the near future for a holiday.

R.N.L.I.

Facts and Figures: Provisional figures show that in 1986 lifeboats launched 3,150 times and saved 1,260 lives. In 1985 lifeboats launched 3,899 times (an average of nearly 11 times a day) and saved 1,747 lives (an average of 5 people rescued each day). Over 13 per cent of all services carried out by lifeboats in 1985 were in winds of force 5 or above. Sixty-two per cent of all services were to pleasure craft. There are 260 lifeboats on station and a further 92 in the RNLI relief fleet. 114,811 lives have been saved since 1824, when the RNLI was founded. The net cost of running the RNLI in 1986 will be over £26 million. Current costs of building lifeboats are as follows: 16ft D class inflatable £9,000; 17ft 6in C class inflatable £11,250; 21ft Atlantic rigid inflatable £35,000; 47ft Tyne £537,000; 52ft Arun £490,000.

BLACK MASS RINGMORE'S OWN RACING TEAM

It is by popular demand that we are writing this, also in answer to the many and varied questions about what, Martin Lane, Myself and one or two other young locals (thank you Kevin Woodmason) do, when we lock ourselves away in garages around Ringmore and where we go when we load that funny looking car onto a trailer and disappear for weekends from time to time.

The name 'Black Mass' came into being somewhat tongue in cheek because of the sheer bulk of our first car and also, of course, because of the colour which was black. The fact that the present race car is considerably smaller has no bearing on the matter as the name has become synonymous with the car to both our fellow racers and with our numerous fans. Having explained the name and the reason for it we will continue hopefully by explaining briefly the concept of the sport. It started in the U.S.A. in the early fifties with groups of young people who would soup up their cars and race each other from traffic lights. This then became more serious with the would be racers closing off quiet bits of country roads illegally and would then race their cars in pairs over a straight measured quarter mile begun with a flag start the victory lane being signalled by the drop of another flag in that lane.

To cut a long story short suffice it to say that the sport has come on in leaps and bounds in the last thirty years and had spread to Britain by the mid sixties. The latter day racer no longer has to compete illicitly on secluded main drags but has purpose built race strips complete with electronic timing gear capable of measuring each cars run down to 1/100th of a second and 1/10th of a mile per hour. There is a multitude of classes of machinery covering everything from road going cars and motorbikes to purpose built 3000 horsepower monsters capable of covering a standing 1/4 mile in under 6 seconds whilst achieving terminal velocities of over 270 M.P.H. There is even an American racing within these shores who has raced his ROCKET car to an imagination defying 3.7 seconds at 320 M.P.H.

Returning to our, relatively, modest operation. Having discovered it was costing a fortune to make our first car go quickly, logic dictated that a smaller lighter car would go faster for less money and also cost less to transport to and from the major strip in Europe at which we race. This strip by the way is called 'Santa Pod' and is situated 20 miles north of Northampton, it could be worse, at least it is in this country! There are four or five other strips in this country but unfortunately none in the South West. To continue the subject of our own progress this new car is disguised by a Morris Marina Coupe body shell which has all the running gear from the old car (somewhat compacted!) The motivating force comes from a race tuned, Nitrous Oxide injected and petrol driven 6.5 Ltr Chrysler V8, all the power that this produces is transmitted via the original gear box to a narrow version of the first cars axle, this aforementioned power is then applied to the ground through some very large balloon like slick tyres. Needless to say when my foot hits the floor and all the parts do their jobs it presents quite a spectacle as the car lifts and carries it's front wheels into the air upon the initial acceleration. All this calms down as the speed rises and becomes more controllable once my front wheels return to earth. The gear changes come up in rapid succession and a little over ten seconds both my body and the engine are allowed to relax as the finishing line is passed and hopefully we have won our way through to the next round.

This ridiculous sounding sport has to be seen to be appreciated (any one is welcome to borrow a video tape of either our car or of American races if they wish) and costs us all

our spare pennies along with those thrown in by our two sponsors Mobil oils and E.T.M. Transmissions of Plymouth. But we do enjoy it and are looking for ways to go faster as our winter rebuild programme will bear testimony. The space here dictates we leave much out but any locals who may wish to know more or indeed see the car are most welcome to contact me at Cumberland Cottages. Rob Batten

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THE JOURNEY'S END INN. BOB & TESSA WISH TO THANK EVERYONE WHO CONTRIBUTED SO GENEROUSLY TO ALFRED AND MARGARET'S LEAVING PRESENTS AND TO ALL THOSE WHO ATTENDED THEIR FAREWELL PRESENTATION MAKING IT A VERY MEMORABLE EVENING FOR ALL INVOLVED.

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Though hills are still bedeck'd with snow,	When February's turgid floods,
'Tis warmer in the vale below;	All flecked with foam like white foam suds,
The Lambs Tails quiver in the breeze	Come sweeping round the deepened bend,
And send their yellow pollen cloud,	The silver Salmon, fresh with lice,
With which they are so well endowed,	Swims round the pool just once or twice
To fix some nuts before next freeze.	To see where it does start and end.

And there, when water level falls,
He waits till ardent nature calls
Him to the gravel spawning beds
Where Baby River starts to roar,
Descending from its parent moor,
For it is there the Salmon weds.

GARLICKED POTATOES

3-4 lge potatoes - par boiled, 1 pt white sauce*, 4oz gruyere cheese - grated, 1-2 cloves garlic - crushed, salt and pepper. First make the white sauce, but when you melt the butter add the garlic. Slice the potatoes very thin. Grease a baking dish. Put in a layer of potatoes, season, pour over a little sauce and sprinkle over some cheese. Continue until you have finished everything ending in a layer of sauce sprinkled with cheese. Bake at 350°F/Mk 4 until golden brown. *If possible make with cream but it is not absolutely necessary.

GARLIC BREAD

This makes a feast of any meal - you must make sure there is stacks of butter on the bread - don't be sparing! 1 loaf french bread, Garlic Butter: ½ lb butter - soft, 4 cloves garlic, salt. Crush the garlic with salt and beat well into the butter. Slice the bread leaving it attached at the bottom crust and spread thickly on both sides with garlic butter. Wrap up in foil, leaving the top open and spread top of bread with butter. Pop in a hot oven for 15 minutes until the butter is melted and the top is crisp. Serve straight away.