



We would like to draw your attention to the ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL and their COFFEE MORNING on 7 November.

The SOUTH HAMS SOCIETY has an interesting winter programme and all are welcome.

If you didn't have the opportunity to see Mr. Roger Hosking's film about wild life on his farm at the W.I. it would be well worth your time when it is shown again - see South Hams Society winter programme.

Rainfall: from 27 August - 5 October 2 1/4".

PARISH COUNCIL

Local Policeman. The October Council Meeting was attended by P.C. Glynn Penrice, who now lives in the Modbury Police House and has specific responsibility for Ringmore, Bigbury and Kingston. P. C. Penrice intends to make frequent visits to Ringmore and Challaborough and hopes to get to know us all. Nevertheless, the initial telephone contact on any problem requiring police assistance - apart from Emergency 999 calls - should still be Kingsbridge Police Station.

Heritage Coast Service. The Heritage Coast Service has provided a very satisfactory new bridge over the stream at Aymer Cove and is to build steps on the very steep section of the coastal path to Westcombe. A letter of appreciation has been sent to the Heritage Coast Officer.

Annual Parish Contributions. It has been decided that for the current year, contributions would remain the same as in 1986/87; namely £75 for the upkeep of the churchyard, £5 for the Historical Society and £10 for the Cuckworthy Museum.

Devon Association of Parish Councils. The Parish Council has decided to re-affiliate to this body.

Proposed New Road to Challaborough. The application, by the new owners of Challaborough Holiday Camp, to widen the lane from the B3392 near Bigbury Golf Club to Challaborough and to construct a new car park has been withdrawn.

Aveton Gifford By-Pass. Construction of the by-pass will start not later than 1990 and it will cost £1.2 million. The new road will run from a roundabout, on the site of the present Ebb Tide Inn Car Park, behind Icy Park to the red barn, on the Modbury side of the village. There will be extensive tree planting to screen the road and a new car park and dinghy launching area near the bridge.

Winter Salt. With the agreement of the owners, a request has been made to the District Council to place a bin of salt/grit in the Journey's End car park, for the use of the village in icy weather.

PARISH CHURCH

We had a very happy (and successful) sale and fete in August; now we have had a very happy Harvest Thanksgiving. Thanks to all who worked so hard; the church looked beautiful - so did the supper (and the turkey was cooked - the middle watch was successful!)

Services in October.

4 Oct.	Holy Communion	9.30 a.m.	Preb. Wedgwood
1 Oct.	Evening Prayer	6.00 p.m.	Mrs. Shipp
8 Oct.	Holy Communion	9.30 a.m.	Preb. Wedgwood
5 Oct.	Morning Prayer	11.00 a.m.	Mr. John Peters

Advance notice for November - the Remembrance Sunday service is in Ringmore Church this year - 8 November at 10.50 a.m. It will be taken by Prebendary Wedgwood, himself once a chaplain in the R.A.F.

Advance Notice for December - our Rector-Designate will be instituted to the United Benefice in St. Lawrence's Church Bigbury at 7.00 p.m. on Thursday 3 December. Before the Rev. Mr. Drowley arrives and we stop wondering who is likely to be in the pulpit next Sunday, you might like to read another of Canon Kerr-Dineen's poems. It is called "All Sorts and Conditions of Clergymen".

There are clergymen so High
Far above us in the sky
You can't see them if you try

Some are Central: it's the thing
Not to favour either wing
Calm and steadiness they bring

Even with a Telescope

Rather like a gyroscope

There are clergymen so Low
That ad inferos they go
If their ways you want to know

There are clergy who diffuse
Many things in their Good News
To observe their varied views

You must have a bathyscope

Look through a Kaleidoscope

All these clergy use their art
Playing an essential part
You will find they're good at heart

If you use a stethoscope

(ad inferos = to the dwellers in the underworld)
(From "The Company of Merrymakers" by permission of Canon F. G. Kerr-Dineen, available at £2 + p & p from Family Social Work, Diocesan Church House, 9 Brunswick Square, Hove, E. Sussex) R.C.T.

Services in November

1 Nov.	(All Saints) Holy Communion	9.30 a.m.	The Rev. M. Brotherton R.N.
8 Nov.	Remembrance Sunday. Service of Remembrance and Dedication	10.50 a.m.	Preb. Wedgwood
15 Nov.	Holy Communion	9.30 a.m.	Preb. Wedgwood
22 Nov.	Morning Prayer	11.00 a.m.	
29 Nov.	Holy Communion	6.00 p.m.	Preb. Wedgwood

The Institution of the Rev. Arthur Drowley to the Benefice of Bigbury, Ringmore and Kingston by the Bishop of Plymouth will take place on Thursday 3 December at 7.00 p.m. at St. Lawrence's Church Bigbury.

Thank you all very much for your support during the "vacancy-in-living"; it has made a great difference. Now let us all rally round to welcome Mr. Drowley and his wife to our parishes. We look forward to their ministry among us with great pleasure. R.C.T.

Rev. Alexander Wood.

Having known the Rev. Alexander Wood for 24 years. I just had to write a few words about this splendid man.

When we first came to Ringmore, we lived in Challaborough Cottage, so were neighbours, always popping in and out of each others houses, thus learning so much about Alex, and his little "sparrow" like wife Gwen, who was such a sweetie.

Alex taught us to make wine, and taught me, how to make bread and oat biscuits. He had a good sense of humour too - he told me he had a recipe for economy marzipan.

When our first Christmas was approaching, I had made the cake and rang to ask him for the recipe for marzipan - I had all the required ingredients luckily, except the sugar thermometer, which he said he would bring down to me - he duly arrived, took off his coat, and put on a white apron. I asked him what he was doing and calmly told me, he would make the marzipan then wrote down the recipe, and ended it with - "and beat it like hell".

The christening cloth, he made for his son's christening, was simply beautiful - also his surplus and magnificent stoles.

A Mrs. Reid who lived and died in the village, gave him a piece of silver and semi precious stones, to make a chalice cup. Likewise Mrs. Ashby at Marwell, gave him some silver to make a beautiful wafer box, in memory of her father. The weather vane on the church tower he made, using the old one as a copy. He also made jewellery for Gwen and

mended pieces too.

For the first years of coming to Ringmore, he used a motor-cycle and sidecar - which Gwen used to travel in, to Plymouth and elsewhere - with Francis sitting in front of her. He retired later than normal, because he was saving up, to have a good time with Gwen, which was not to be. She had started Emphysema, before leaving Ringmore, which developed quickly and she died.

He was a very knowledgeable man, and there were very few subjects that he was unable to discuss, having lived and travelled in the depths of winter in Canada, before marrying Gwen.

He was a great man, much loved by all who knew him, and I shall miss him very much. J.E.B.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

The next meeting of the Royal British Legion (mens section) will be held at 7.30 p.m. on Friday 9 October at the Pickwick Inn. This is the AGM so please make an effort to attend. New members will always be welcome.

The November meeting will be held at the Journey's End at 7.30 p.m. on Friday 6 November. This will be followed at 9 p.m. by an auction of memorabilia arranged by the landlord of the J.E. The proceeds of this auction will be shared between the RBL and the RNLI. Items for sale would be much appreciated, so please have a look in the loft and turn out that odd item that you don't want. Its for a very good cause - last year the two charities benefitted by £50 each and I am sure that we can beat that this year.

Saturday morning 7 November a coffee morning will be held at 10.30 at the Sedgewell Sands Cafe, Bigbury on Sea in aid of the R.B.L. Raffle prizes are being sought for this, and once again your support is sought.

The Remembrance Service this year is being held at Ringmore Parish Church on Sunday 8 November at 10.50 a.m.

Last year the three parishes of Bigbury, Kingston and Ringmore raised £878 for the RBL which represents £1 for every person on the electoral roll of the three parishes. This was a truly remarkable performance, and we hope that you will continue to support this very important charity so generously.

G.P.E.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION - WOMEN'S SECTION

The next meeting will be held at 7.15 p.m. on Monday 2 November at 18 Yellands Park, Kingston.

A poppy whist drive will be held on Monday, 9 November at 7.30 p.m. at the W.I. Hall, Ringmore. All welcome.

SOUTH HAMS SOCIETY

Winter Meetings Dates for your diary

Wednesday 28 October at Thurlestone Village Hall. Mr. H. Huggins on 'A Birder in South Devon'.

Wednesday 25 November at Stokenham Parish Hall Mr. Alec Worth on 'Worth Watching - A Naturalist in Spain'.

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Saturday Afternoon 9 January at Malborough Hall Mr. Chris Pierce on 'Return to Bearscombe'.

Thursday 4 February at St. Anne's Chapel Hall Mr. Roger Hosking on 'Wild Life on the Farm'.

Thursday 3 March at West Charleton Village Hall Mr. J. D. Newton on 'Canadian Travels'.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Thursday 26 March at King's Arms Hotel, Kingsbridge, followed

by an illustrated talk by Mr. Ian Mercer - 'The South Hams Proper - A Human Landscape'.

The evening meetings will all start at 7.30 p.m. Except for the Annual General Meeting, which will be free, admission will be 50p to include coffee and biscuits (children free).

The Afternoon meeting will start at 2.30 p.m. admission £1 to include TEA.

RINGMORE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The A.G.M. will be held on Thursday 29 October at 7.30 p.m. in the W.I. Hall. The speaker will be Mr. Len Copley who will give an illustrated talk on "Ancient Farms and New Intakes - Dartmoor". Mrs. Warne would like to receive any nominations for the committee and the Treasurer reminds members that subscriptions are due!!

The contents of the historic house at Kitley are being sold by Christies and can be viewed on 16 and 17 October, admission by catalogue only, price £10. This will probably be the last chance of seeing the house as it is to be let.

RINGMORE GOES INTERNATIONAL

Last month Richard and Stephanie (The Earl and Countess Grey) were invited to open an International ploughing match in Grey County, Canada. (Richard's father was Canadian, and his predecessor was Governor-General of Canada from 1903-1911). Stephanie was asked to give a cookery demonstration to the women of Lady Grey Lane, a sort of huge W.I. with more than 350 in attendance. Despite her misgivings, Stephanie's demonstration was an enormous success.

So was the rest of their visit, but with constant TV and press coverage, and being whisked from one official engagement to another, both Richard and Stephanie said it was hectic. However they now know what it feels like to be treated like royalty!

They also took the opportunity to promote the South Hams as a tourist area, and this was very well received by the Canadians, who, viewing us as densely populated, were agreeably surprised by the lovely, open countryside and the closeness of the sea.

Happier as a potter than a cook, Stephanie now has a specially created porcelain piece displayed in a place of honour in City Hall, Grey County.

Some of Stephanie's other superb porcelain pieces (known collectively as 'The Countess Grey Collection') are also proudly displayed in various homes in France.

Whilst Richard and Stephanie were in Canada and the U.S.A., 'The Countess Grey Collection', chosen as part of the Devon Crafts exhibition at the Foire de Caen, was attracting French buyers.

John and Rosemary Tate, who went to the 10 day event with 'The Countess Grey Collection' were delighted at how well it sold, Stephanie's original designs and brilliant use of lustres make a colourful and attractive display. We lost count of the number of times we were told it was 'superbe' and 'Magnifique' they said. Hundreds of people not only read the French description of Stephanie's pottery, but asked about Ringmore, described as a 'petit village pittoresque'. They liked the sound of that, too!

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