



We would like to welcome Arthur and Doreen Drowley to the Rectory and to our village. We hope you will both enjoy village life and spend many happy years as our Rector.

Once again a BIG THANK YOU to EVERYONE concerned with the production of the Newsletter and to our contributors. Your reward will be in _____.

Mr. and Mrs. Pickles of Modbury have now got a Boot, Shoe, Outdoor clothes and underwear department. Well worth a visit, quite an Aladdins cave at the back of their shop.

George and Nancy Grimshaw wish to thank everyone who sent cards, gifts and flowers on the occasion of their Golden Wedding.

A HAPPY CHRISTMAS to everyone and a safe journey if you are travelling. RAINFALL from 2 November - 30 November 4½" of rain fell in Ringmore. On the night of the storm in October the barometer fell to 950 m/bars at 2 a.m.. The lowest recorded in U.K. was 925 m/bars in 1884.

PARISH CHURCH

from ARTHUR DROWLEY, Rector of Bigbury, and Ringmore with Kingston.

We are much looking forward to coming among you in Bigbury, Ringmore and Kingston, and offer these few details about ourselves by way of introduction.

We both began life in the London area, but by the early days of the war, our families lived in Taunton and our main schooling followed there. Doreen went to Guy's Hospital to train as a physiotherapist and Arthur was articled in Taunton to train as a surveyor and valuer. We met in Taunton and were married there in 1951.

Our first home was in Ilfracombe, Arthur then working in the north Devon area of the Valuation Office, and our two sons were born there. We were members of St. Philip & St. James' Church, Ilfracombe, Doreen having continued in Christian conviction since childhood, whereas Arthur came to faith in Christ in the Summer of 1950. Opportunities for Christian service abounded in those early days for us and they led to a dog-collar! By the Autumn of 1954, Arthur was at Oak Hill Theological College and Ordination followed in 1956. We felt God had called us to the ministry together and we have always shared in the work as far as possible.

Curacies at Poole in Dorset and Wallington in Surrey prepared for a surprising return in 1962 to our home-town of Taunton and the parish of St. James. After a brief time as Rural Dean of Taunton North, the invitation to Rodbourne Cheney, Swindon, came in 1973. This parish has a population of 20,000 and a clergy team of four, and life is busy to say the least! There hasn't been a lot of spare time, but we enjoy the garden, music, sailing and hanging on to our Golden - Dougal!

In God's good grace, we hope to be of service to you in the Name of the Lord Jesus.

A. & D. D.

RINGMORE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Committee meeting on Wednesday 6 January at 7.30 p.m. Middle Manor.

CHURCH SERVICES IN DECEMBER

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Bigbury</u> <u>St. Lawrence</u>	<u>Ringmore</u> <u>All Hallows</u>	<u>Kingston</u> <u>St. James</u>
13 December (Advent 3)	8.00 a.m. Holy Communion	6.00 p.m. Evening Prayer	11.00 a.m. Morning Prayer and HC
20 December (Advent 4)	11.00 a.m. Morning Prayer & HC	3.00 p.m. Carol Service	6.00 p.m. Evening Prayer
24 December (Christmas Eve)	11.30 p.m. Holy Communion		
25 December (Christmas Day)	8.00 a.m. Holy Communion	11.00 a.m. Holy Communion	9.30 a.m. Holy Communion
27 December (Christmas 1)	6.00 p.m. Carol Service	9.00 a.m. Holy Communion	11.00 a.m. Morning Prayer

21 December (Monday)		Carols around the village	
22 December (Tuesday)			7.30 p.m. Carol Service
31 December (Thursday)			Watch-Night Service New Year's Eve 11.30 p.m.



PARISH COUNCIL

Planning. The District Council Planning Committee has not yet discussed the application to build on the Orchard behind the "Journey's End" and the many objections to this.

Trees. The free trees, which have been ordered, will be available for collection from Hill Cottage in the morning of Saturday 19 December. If this time is inconvenient, please telephone 810398 to fix an alternative. Please bring a large plastic bag to carry the trees. If possible, holes should be dug in advance - wide enough to take the tree roots fully spread and deep enough to allow the tree to be set at the depth it was in the nursery. Some moist peat, mixed with a handful of bonemeal, in the bottom of the hole will help the tree to get a good start.

Draft Register of Electors. The new Register is on the two Parish Council notice boards. Any omissions should be notified to the Clerk at Challaborough Cottage, before 19 December.

Finance. The precept, for Parish expenses was £550 in the current year. This has left nothing in hand for emergencies and it has therefore been decided to ask for £600 in 1988-89.

Road Safety. It has been decided to give more publicity to Road Safety information and posters will be displayed in the bus shelter and at Challaborough.

Hedge-cutting. The Parish Council has decided to protest about the way in which hedge-cutting contractors leave sharp twigs and branches on the roads - leading to damage to car tyres. It will also ask the District Council to try to persuade landowners to leave the tops of their hedges untrimmed - in order to preserve some food and shelter for birds.

Social Services. Anyone needing help or advice on a problem affecting old people, children, mental handicap, or disablement should contact Alan Grant, 9A Dean Hill, Plymstock. (Telephone Plymouth 346422).

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

At the Annual General Meeting, in November, there was a strong possibility that Ringmore Women's Institute would collapse. This was due, in the first place, to the difficulty of filling the key offices of President and Secretary and, in the second place, to a difference between those wishing to revert to afternoon meetings and those preferring evening meetings. Happily, the problems were resolved. Margaret Wood accepted the position of

President and Natalie Hilton that of Secretary. Both of these were very reluctant volunteers and they deserve maximum support from the members. It was decided that normal business meetings will continue to take place in the evenings but that, in addition, afternoon social meetings would be held. Margaret Jenkins kindly offered to be co-opted to the committee and to undertake the organisation of the social meetings.

Committee members for 1987-88 are Naomi Warne (Vice-President), Myra Eddy (Treasurer), Alice Mason, Alison Wyn-Powell and Mollie Trueman.

Meetings have been planned for 7.30 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month as follows:-

- January - "Kenya" - by Kit Taylor
- February - Hair and Beauty Demonstration - by Nicholas Hairdressers
- March - "Pottery" - by Countess Stephanie Gray
- April - "Food Allergies" - by Dr. Hamlyn
- May - Resolutions
- June - Tri-Chem Liquid Embroidery Demonstration
- July - Garden Meeting at Middle Manor
- October - "Tall Tales" by members
- November - A.G.M. Barbara Taylor will demonstrate the making of Christmas Decorations

At the first afternoon meeting on 2 December eleven members spent a very happy hour and a half exchanging suggestions for future social meetings and enjoying a delicious afternoon tea. It was agreed that summer activities would consist largely of outings to gardens and other places of interest. In view of the very cold weather to be expected in January, the next afternoon meeting will be held at Hill Cottage - 2.30 p.m. on Wednesday 6 January.

SOUTH HAMS SOCIETY

At 2.30 p.m. on Saturday 9 January, at Malborough Village Hall, Chris Pearce will give his new, illustrated, wild-life talk "Return to Bearscombe". Those who have seen some of Chris's slides in the past will know that this is an event not to be missed. Admission is limited and tickets may be obtained in advance from Hill Cottage, Ringmore. (Price £1, including a delicious cream tea).

VILLAGE AFFAIRS

-----of one
who possessed beauty without vanity
strength without insolence
courage without ferocity
and all the virtues of man without his vices

an extract from an epitaph written by Lord Byron in 1808 for his Newfoundland dog "Bosun".

You may have missed seeing a big black lump of soft sloppy dog called Jonathan wandering round the village with his owner. Here is his epitaph -----

April 11 1975 - October 27 1987.

Jonathan the 4th has gone. He slept away peacefully on Tuesday, 27 October, aged 12½. He just lay in front of the fire wrapped in a warm blanket and went to the doggy heaven to join the three previous dogs. As with the others he was a big lovable and gentle giant. When we bought him, my husband had to go miles the other side of the country to Lincoln, a tedious journey across country from Devon. He was unfortunately the runt of the litter and the last to be sold. We took him to the vet and they didn't expect him to make old doggy bones, and he was fed on bone meal for weeks to strengthen his bones to carry the weight he would eventually get. He was, as all Newfoundlands are, a large ball of wool, black except for one paw. He was my husband's dog, and wouldn't stray far from the house if he was away on business and seemed to know when he would be back and would wait at the gate for him. His favourite food was chicken, fish, and the remains of the ice cream with chocolate sauce on my husband's plate. He sat patiently waiting for the plate to be passed

to him. He had a bad habit of always being under foot just where you wanted to be, and would lie in the passage to the kitchen or in the small bathroom, or just inside the door so no-one could get in. He loved our cats but hated a stray black cat that was always around scrounging food. Ginger cat, our little Shi hitzu would all curl up together at night for sleeping. They all loved each other very much, and they look for him at night but have to do with each other now. We all miss him, cats, other dog Pepe, the people in the village, me, my son, but most of all dad.

Hazel Mackintosh.

A PRAYER FOR COUNTRY FOLK

O Lord who makest corn to grow, the hens to lay, the cocks to crow.
Cows to milk and sheep to lamb. Fat pigs to provide us with bacon and ham. Pray spare us country folk the burden of the Whitehall Yoke. From rust and mildew in the corn.

From maladies of hoof and horn, colic cramp. From leaking roofs and rising damp. Protect us from the men in far Whitehall. Preserve us from those sundry ills. Like bailiffs men and unpaid bills. From tax men and kindred cares. Especially men from Whitehall.

From motorways speed and noise, transistors and long haired boys. From broken bottles plastic bags and fires from discarded fags. Deliver us, but most of all from the town planners in Whitehall.

Amen to that. Contributed by Eric Lock

BIGBURY AUXILIARY COASTGUARD

In 1987 there were 17 incidents on this coastguard sector which extends from Burgh Island to the River Yealm and this year to date there have been 9 incidents. Due to the hazardous nature of this stretch of coastline and the increasing number of visitors to the area HM Coastguard have decided to establish a fully equiped Coastguard Station next to the Memorial Hall at St. Ann's Chapel. Roger Race has recently been appointed Auxiliary in charge for this sector with a support team of 7. Bigbury Auxiliary Coastguard are alerted from a 999 call which will be relayed to Brixham Coastguard who are overall responsible for the area sector, followed by an immediate telephone call to Roger Race, or John Saltmarsh in his absence, who will immediately fire a maroon to alert the rescue team. One team member will be requested to collect the cliff rescue equipment from the Coastguard station at St. Ann's Chapel, with the rest of the team assembling at the cliff access point nearest to the incident.

COASTAL PATH AT CHALLABOROUGH

Considerable improvement is to be made to the Coastal Path and headland at Challacott, Challaborough to enhance its natural beauty. With the assistance of the South Devon Coastal Heritage Service Roger and Suzanne Race will be re-fencing the footpath on the inland side, with post and rail fencing from the car park at the top of the slipway to the halfway point where a field gate will be installed. This will be continued with standard agricultural fencing right to the top of the cliff with a further field gate at the end of the upper level of Challacott. A new footpath will be made to cut the corner at the top of the headland to avoid the erosion now taking place. Steps and wooden hand rails are to be installed on the cliff face to eliminate the problem of erosion where people scramble up and down from the beach to reach the footpath. The re-landscaped bank is to be planted out with natural shrubs, such as Blackthorne, Hawthorne etc..

ADVERTISEMENTS

RINGMORE COUNTRY FAYRE. CHRISTMAS DRINKS ORDERS NOW BEING TAKEN. JACOBITE £5.99, LIEBFRAUMILCH £1.69 AND MANY OTHER LOW LOW PRICES BUT ALL SUBJECT TO A MINIMUM ORDER OF £25. ASK FOR PRICE LIST NOW!

RINGMORE COUNTRY FAYRE - CHRISTMAS OPENING

WEDNESDAY	23 DEC	9.00 - 1.00	2.00 - 5.30
THURSDAY	24 DEC	9.00	----- 4.00
FRIDAY	25 DEC,	SATURDAY 26 DEC,	SUNDAY 27 DEC
			CLOSED
MONDAY	28 DEC	OPEN FROM 9.30 - 10.30 ONLY.	
TUESDAY	29 DEC	9.00 - 1.00	2.00 - 5.30
WEDNESDAY	30 DEC	9.00 - 1.00	CLOSED
THURSDAY	31 DEC	9.00 - 1.00	2.00 - 4.00
FRIDAY	1 JAN	CLOSED	
SATURDAY	2 JAN	9.00 - 1.00	CLOSED

POST OFFICE OPENING HOURS

THURSDAY	24 DEC	9.00 - 12.30	CLOSED
FRIDAY	25 DEC,	SATURDAY 26 DEC,	MONDAY 28 DEC
			CLOSED
THURSDAY	31 DEC	9.00 - 1.00	2.00 - 4.00

ROGER AND SUZANNE WISH ALL THEIR CUSTOMERS A HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR.



JOURNEY'S END INN CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENTS.

SATURDAY 12 DECEMBER. AN EVENING OF RECORDED JAZZ AND BLUES MUSIC.
FRIDAY 18 DECEMBER. A FESTIVE CONCERT BY THE KINGSBRIDGE SILVER BAND 8 p.m.
CHRISTMAS EVE. LOCAL "FOLK" MUSIC DURING THE EVENING.
NEW YEARS EVE. PARTY & BUFFET FROM 8 PM THEME - WILD WEST (DEVON!!!) BUFFET BY TICKET ONLY AVAILABLE FROM THE INN AFTER 14 DECEMBER AT £3.00 EACH.

OPENING HOURS

CHRISTMAS EVE	11.00 a.m. - 2.30 p.m.	6.00 p.m. - 11.30 p.m.
CHRISTMAS DAY	11.30 a.m. - 2.00 p.m.	(CLOSED IN EVENING) (NO FOOD XMAS DAY)
BOXING DAY	11.00 a.m. - 3.00 p.m.	7.00 p.m. - 11.30 p.m.
MONDAY 28 DECEMBER	11.00 a.m. - 2.30 p.m.	6.00 p.m. - 11.30 p.m.
NEW YEARS EVE	11.00 a.m. - 2.30 p.m.	7.00 p.m. - 12.30 p.m.
NEW YEARS DAY	11.00 a.m. - 2.30 p.m.	6.00 p.m. - 11.30 p.m.

ALL OTHER OPENING TIMES AS NORMAL.

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ROSEMARY OF BROAD STREET, MODBURY. CHRISTMAS HOLLY WREATHS. ORDERS NOW BEING TAKEN. A LARGE SELECTION OF GIFTS AND DECORATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS. TELEFLORIST WORLD WIDE.

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ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

POPPY APPEAL TOPS £1000

We have just completed the most successful Annual Poppy Appeal ever for the three parishes of Bigbury, Kingston and Ringmore. In all £1099 - 24p has been sent to the Royal British Legion Headquarters at Maidstone, Kent, to help carry on their important work. When you consider that the total electorate for the three parishes is 989, the full extent of this remarkable figure can be appreciated. The breakdown is as follows:

On Friday 6 November an auction of memorabilia was arranged by the landlord of the Journey's End Inn, Ringmore the proceeds of which were to be shared equally between the RBL and the RMLI. Our thanks are due to Bob and Tessa Dunkley for providing a splendid evening with cheap beer and refreshments and ensuring that at the end of the evening the RBL had benefitted by £115 - 66p.

On Saturday 7 November our grateful thanks are due to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Smith of Sedgewell Sands Cafe, Bigbury-on-Sea for once again hosting the Legions coffee morning. At this raffles were held, bring and buy stalls did good business and other items were auctioned. In all £229 - 85p was raised - the best yet!!

Sunday 8 November the Legion Remembrance Service was held at Ringmore conducted by Prebendary Wedgwood. This service realised a collection of £111 - 43p whilst another service at Bigbury realised £26 - 49p

The final event was on Monday 9 November when a whist drive was held in the W.I. Hall at Ringmore and this realised £55.

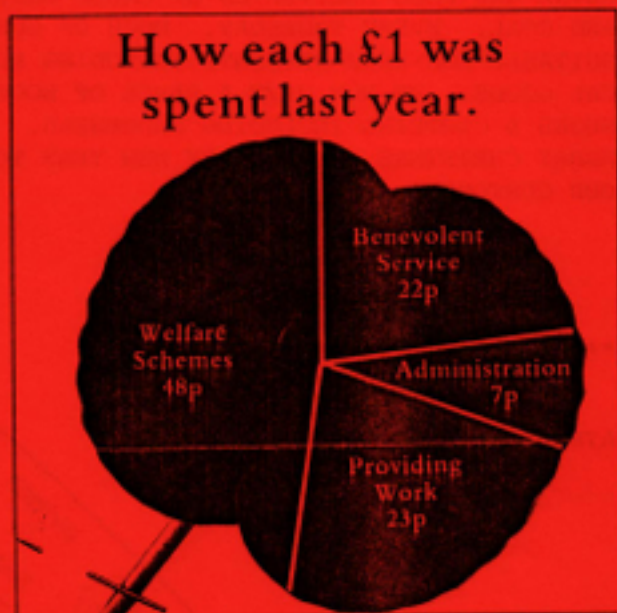
Meantime during the previous ten days a dedicated band of collectors had been covering the three parishes and collecting a remarkable £516 - 56p.

The local British Legion would like to thank everyone who helped to make this years appeal such an outstanding success. The collectors who gave their time and energy so willingly and a special word of thanks to Mrs. Kit Taylor who first collected for the Legion more than 65 years ago. The ladies who made cakes and provided for the bring-and-buy stalls. The shops, pubs and others who provided most of the raffle prizes. Finally a big thank-you to the people who dug deep into their pockets and purses and contributed so generously.

Truly it can be said for those who gave so much.

"WE WILL REMEMBER THEM"

G.P.E.



Local welfare services.

Over 3,425 local Service Committees of Legion Branches provide a specialist form of advice bureau and a comprehensive welfare service.

They:

- Provide extra fuel for the elderly in winter.
- Help families in times of crisis.
- Visit the long term sick in hospital and at home.
- Arrange holidays for convalescents.
- Initiate and provide advice in pension schemes.