

THE WEATHER!!!!!!

24 JANUARY

- 1962 Heaviest snowfall in the country for 70 years.
1966 Deluge in West Country. 1½" of rain on Exeter in 24 hours. Roads flooded some roads difficult to negotiate.
1969 Continuous rain day and night.
1971 Severe gales. Heavy rain day and night.
1974 (18 January) Hurricane force winds. Havoc. Storms lash South Devon Coast. Locals could not remember conditions so bad. Salcombe lifeboat could not cross the bar to go to the rescue of Danish coaster. Helicopter and other lifeboats had to go to the rescue. Russian trawler LENINGRAD also went to the rescue. Half the crew of 14 were drowned including the Captains wife and another woman. Many roads in South Hams blocked by mud and trees. 98 m.p.h. winds.
1975 County waterlogged.
1976 Blizzards and chaos on the roads. Long hot summer forecast by amateur weatherman George Philips.
1977 Continuous rain Hurricane force winds (25th). Electricity off for some time.
1978 Severe storms. Trawler sinks off Cornwall. Insured for £1,000,000
1979 Severe icing. Roads closed. Many accidents.
1980 Storms lash the West. 75 m.p.h. gales. 50' waves.
1981 Gales and rain.
1982 After heavy snow the coldest temperatures ever this century mild weather sets in.
1983 One of mildest months this century. 58.3F. in Shropshire.
1984 30 days of snow but no blizzards in Devon. Wettest January on record.
1985 Heavy snow. Many villages cut off. Roads closed.
1986 Very cold. Minus 8c. in Yeovil.
1987 Mild again after a spell of severe cold. Coldest since 1963.

GORDON MACKINTOSH

After reading the above, what a lovely winter we are having. SO FAR.

RAINFALL in RINGMORE. 1 January - 31 January 8 5/8 inches. Heaviest since records began. B.B.

PARISH COUNCIL

Planning: The District Council has not yet announced its decisions on the application to build two split level houses on the Orchard behind the "Journey's End", or on the application to convert the barns at Lower Manor Farm into four residences. Meanwhile, two further planning applications have been received by the Parish Council. One is for eight additional holiday lodges at Challacot, Challaborough. The other is for the erection of a bungalow on the land above Rocky Path - opposite the Town Well. There will be a Special Parish Council Meeting to discuss both these applications at 7 p.m. on Tuesday 9 February. Members of the public are invited to attend. It is hoped that a large number will do so, since the recent planning applications would, if successful change the whole character of the western side of Ringmore.

Car Parking in Modbury: The Parish Council is concerned about the fact that, when parking charges are introduced in Modbury, people attending the Health Centre will have to pay. Health Centres in such places as Yealmpton have their own free car parks. A letter is to be sent to the District Council, suggesting a voucher system for those visiting the doctors.

Parish Newsletter: The only comments on the form of the Newsletter were favourable. Indeed, some copies are apparently enjoyed so much that they are passed on to friends in other villages. There will therefore be no serious changes, although additional contributions will be welcome.

Village Drains: An urgent message is to be sent to the County Engineer about the fact that the surface water drains have become completely blocked - with consequent flooding.

Challaborough Swimming Pool: The new South Hams District official in charge of leisure services, Mr. Goodchild, has been asked to discuss, with the new owners of the camp, the possibility of keeping the swimming pool open in the winter, as in previous years.

Annual Parish Meeting: This meeting will be on 5 April 1988. Please keep the evening free.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The next afternoon meeting will be at 2.30 p.m. on Wednesday 10 February at Hill Cottage. There will be a "Shell" video of "The Village" - tracing the development of the villages from the Bronze Age. It is also hoped that a decision can be made about the proposed seat runners for the Church.

The next evening meeting will be at 7.30 p.m. on Thursday 11 February in the W.I. Hall. There will be a talk on "Hair and Beauty" by Nicholas Hairdressers.

BILL MOORE

Ursula and family, would like to thank everyone who attended dad's funeral, particularly those who gave lovely floral tributes. We felt that his funeral was very memorable, in many ways unique. It was nice that so many villagers were able to offer their last respects to an old countryman and friend. His great delight was his garden. We are sure that he would have been pleased with such a personal farewell. Although a man who taught himself to read and write, he had a wonderful insight into life and it's problems.

INTER-PARISH QUIZ Come and support

Ringmore v Bigbury 12 February 1988 8 p.m. W.I. Hall Coffee and Biscuits 30p.
Second leg. 26 February 1988 St. Anne's Memorial Hall.

COFFEE MORNING at AYRMER HOUSE. To be held on Tuesday 16 February (Shrove Tuesday) at 10.30 a.m. Cakes and Bring and Buy etc.. Please support this event in aid of SAVE THE CHILDREN FUND.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION.

The next meeting will be held on 4 March at the PICKWICK INN.

RBL WOMEN'S SECTION will be holding their annual Spring Sale on Saturday 27 February at the Memorial Hall, St. Anne's Chapel at 2 p.m. Stalls will include Cakes, Bric a Brac, Jumble, Tombola and a raffle. Tea and biscuits will be available.

ADVERTISEMENTS

RINGMORE COUNTRY FAYRE. SHOP LOCALLY THIS WINTER.

BELLE VUE FARM FOR YOUR FRESH POULTRY, EGGS AND CREAM.

JULIE MOBILE HAIRDRESSERS. FOR YOUR PERMS*SHAMPOO & SETS*BLOW WAVE*TRIMS ETC. DONE IN YOUR OWN HOME COMPETITIVE PRICES TEL. NO. 810634

ROSEMARY OF BROAD STREET, MODBURY. FLOWERS FOR ALL OCCASIONS. POT PLANTS GIFTS PERSONAL ATTENTION TEL. SHOP MODBURY 830048 HOME GARA BRIDGE 444 ANYTIME.

PICKLES. MODBURY 830412 FOR HARDWARE D.I.Y. CHINA AND FREE DELIVERIES OF CALOR GAS OIL AND COAL. EVERY THURSDAY.

JOHN AND BARBARA TAYLOR: MARWELL CROSS GARDENS: FLOWERS FOR WEDDINGS, FUNERALS & ALL OCCASIONS. PERENNIALS AND BEDDING PLANTS IN SEASON. BIGBURY ON SEA 810366

Church News

The Rector, Arthur Drowley, writes -

First of all, a brief but urgent reminder to anyone thinking about preparing for Confirmation. Please do let me know of your interest and I will be glad to explain and try to answer questions. The Deanery Confirmation is planned for April 12th.

Secondly, you may recall that our Church Councils, meeting in December, expressed concern about young people. We have followed up with a further series of meetings in January and plan to introduce a pattern of services in our three churches which will allow us to include a Family Service at 11.0am each Sunday (except the 4th Sunday of the month). We may be able to get going by the third Sunday for Kingston, but I think we shall have to wait until March for Ringmore and Bigbury.

The aim of a Family Service is to unite all members of the Church family, regardless of age, in a simple act of worship which hopefully includes something for everyone; it's not just a children's service. We hope to have a service leaflet, hymns and choruses to suit the theme. On other Sundays it would be good to have Sunday Schools available - but for the moment we only have one at Kingston.

Here's the new pattern of services -

FEBRUARY SUNDAYS

	<u>Bigbury</u> <u>St. Lawrence</u>	<u>Ringmore</u> <u>All Hallows</u>	<u>Kingston</u> <u>St. James</u>
7th February	6.00pm Evening Prayer	11.0am Morning Prayer	9.00am Holy Communion
14th February	11.0am Morning Prayer	9.00am Holy Communion	6.00pm Evening Prayer
21st February	8.00am Holy Communion	6.00pm Evening Prayer	11.0am <u>Family Service</u>
28th February	11.0am Morning Prayer	9.00am Holy Communion	6.00pm Evening Prayer

MARCH SUNDAYS

6th March	6.00pm Evening Prayer	11.0am <u>Family Service</u>	9.00am Holy Communion
13th March Mothering Sunday	11.0am <u>Family Service</u>	9.00am Holy Communion	3.00pm <u>Special Family Service</u>
20th March	8.00am Holy Communion	6.00pm Evening Prayer	11.0am <u>Family Service</u>
27th March	11.0am Morning Prayer	9.00am Holy Communion	6.00pm Evening Prayer

Full details of each Sunday's services will be given in our Sunday Church Bulletin.

LENT 1988

Ash Wednesday falls on February 17th and we shall have two courses running through Lent:-

- 1) Starting on the 17th, a series of Holy Communion Services each Wednesday, 10.0am at Ringmore (this year).
- 2) Also on the 17th, a Wednesday evening series of home meetings begins, to follow Radio Devon's Lent Study Course 'Who on earth are you?'.

Full details in the Sunday Church Bulletins.

COFFEE MORNING in aid of Save the Children. Arymer House Tuesday
 16 February. Shrove Tuesday. 10.30 a.m. Bring and Buy.

DEFENSIVE DRIVING

You are on a main fast road and see ahead a car awaiting to join the main road from a side road. Have you seen the driver's face? If not, has he seen you? Use your horn to attract his attention. (Lift your foot towards the break).

A long line of slow moving vehicles behind a slow large vehicle is approaching you. They have just negotiated a series of bends. Watch out for the impatient driver who will now decide to pull out to overtake, into your path.

You are approaching a pedestrian crossing, with a line of stationary traffic on your right, in front of and behind the crossing. Can you see the crossing clearly? Is anyone hidden by the traffic? Slow right down.

If you were in the stationary line of traffic with the crossing directly in front of you, don't encourage people to cross, unless you are certain it is safe.

You intend to stop at a pedestrian crossing ahead, on a very wide road. There is traffic behind you. Discourage any overtaking by coming well into the right of the approach to the crossing.

When indicating a right turn, with brilliant sunset, or sunrise behind you, your flashing indicators cannot be seen, use your arm signal as well to break up your silhouette. B.M.

SOUTH HAMS SOCIETY

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

ADVERTISEMENTS CONTINUED


D.H. & C.S. WILKINSON
 MASTER BUTCHER
 PURVEYOR OF FINE MEATS & GAME
 Local delicacies - Trade enquiries invited.
 CHURCH ST. MODBURY. TEL. 830240.
 *

JOURNEY'S END INN. WINTER HOURS
NOW UNTIL 17 MARCH 1988.

Mon-Sat	11.00 a.m. -	2.30 p.m.
	7.00 p.m. -	11.00 p.m.
Sunday	12 noon -	2.00 p.m.
	7.00 p.m. -	10.30 p.m.
Hot and cold bar food available		
	12 noon -	2.00 p.m.
(Sunday	12 noon -	1.30 p.m.)
	7.00 p.m. -	9.00 p.m.

WILD FLOWERS
OF ENGLAND

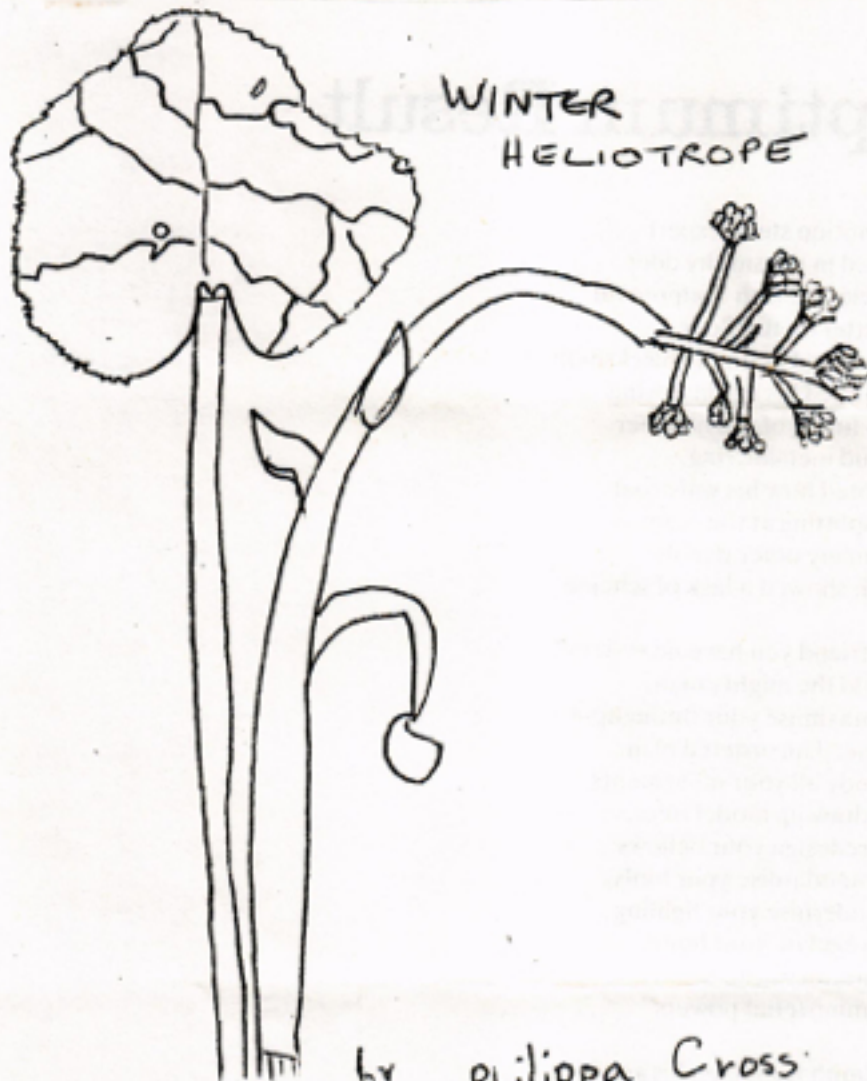


The Daisy

"Daisy" is apt to be a child's first uncomplicated name for all flowers, from the exotic to the lowly. Maybe, then, no other can so truly claim to be the children's flower. White ones and precious pink-tipped ones, with stems thumbnail slotted, make circlets for a baby's sun-warmed hair — or fragile reins for toddlers and trotting "pretend-ponies". Daisy urchins speckle cottage lawns, spatter from mowers in city parks and grow unusually tall and fine in the water meadows. Claspings their outer petals in evening slumber they open them wide to become the wakeful "Day's eye". Daisies seem as abundant as grass and as hardy. Even during winter an occasional frost-pinched bloom may struggle into existence, briefly to delight with its brave, shivering presence.

K. BRENDA MAGER

Where is the Winter Heliotrope Growing?



WINTER
HELIOTROPE

by Philippa Cross

Winter
Heliotrope



by Lara Cove

Heliotrope means lean to the sun in Greek. It is flowering in January. One time, a long time ago, Heliotrope didn't grow in England. People say it escaped from gardens. This plant has spread along the hedgrows and along the roadsides. Heliotrope is a very smelly plant, it smells of honey, but you can usually only smell it when you put it close to your nose. It has big, round leaves. A big one can be 14cm. wide. They have rough edges, like teeth, you can see the veins very clearly. The leaves are furry on the back but cold on the front. It has a furry stem. The flower smells, not the leaves. Each straight flower stem has about ten pale lilac flowers which are tooth shaped. It is spreading fast. Please can you send us a letter to school, telling us of any patches of Winter Heliotrope that you have found. We will try to mark them on a map and put on display for you to see.

(Mostly written by Lara Cove, Tessa Denham, Simon James and Simon Roberts aged about 8)

Contributed by the children of Modbury Primary School.



Optimum Result

The motion study expert
Looked in the smithy door
And viewed with disapproval
The litter on the floor.
He frowned upon the blacksmith
And timed his mighty swing
From lifting of the hammer
To loud metallic ring.
He noted how his waistcoat
Was splitting at the seam
And many other details
Which showed a lack of scheme.

"My friend you have no system"
He told the mighty man,
"To maximise your throughput
You need an ordered plan.
I'll study all your movements
And draw up model rules,
And redesign your bellows
And standardise your tools.
I'll modernise your lighting,
And regulate your hours,
By statutory orders
And ministerial powers"

The smith leaned on his anvil,
And spat upon his hands,
Thus wasting the saliva
Secreted by his glands.
He said he took it kindly
That anyone should be
So anxious to diminish
His inefficiency
And then, to show the expert
His quickness to respond
With minimum of effort
He threw him in the pond.

