

We are told that people do rely on the Newsletter to remind them of events in the village so, it is important that we give accurate information. We don't slip up very often but it would be helpful if you could double check dates and times. If there is an alteration to a published date would you "feature" this in any follow up notices or posters? At least one person travelled to an event only to find that the date had been altered. We draw your attention to Brian McCabe's advert. He will be more than willing to "do" your gardens.

WEATHER. MARCH 1st.

1963 The cold of this very severe winter continues into March.

1965 5" of snow in S.W. 60,00 square miles of Southern England icebound.

1969 Artic conditions in South Hams. Cafe wrecked by waves at Torcross. Kingsbridge area flooded.

1974 First dry sunny day of the year.

1980 Winds up to Force 12 at the Lizard.

1984 The sun shone for the first time since 14 February.

1986 Snow and persistent frost. Later winds upto 100 miles per hour.

WEATHER WARNING

During a gale a coastguard was asked to estimate the wind speed. Sorry I don't have a gauge but if it is any help my Land Rover has just been blown over the cliff he replied.
Aberdeen Evening Express. G.M.

RAINFALL 1 February - 29 February 3 1/4 inches.

MEALS ON WHEELS.

Coffee morning Wednesday 23 March at 11 a.m. Please bring Mileage Claim Forms. I have to record them for the end of the Quarter. M.T.

PARISH COUNCIL

Planning: The Parish Council has had to discuss a spate of planning applications in the past month. In each case very detailed considerations has been given to the proposal and views have been carefully drafted - to reflect as far as possible the feelings of local residents. All of this has taken up a great deal of time - especially for the Chairman and Clerk.

In the case of an application to build a bungalow on Rocky Path, the Council pointed out problems of access, drainage and elevations. No decision about this application has yet been announced.

There have been two separate applications for the Challacott Centre at Challaborough. The first was for the erection of eight holiday lodges. After confirming that the distance between these lodges would be 20 ft - instead of the 12 ft shown on the plan - the Council decided to support this application, provided that the capacity of the drainage system was sufficient. The second application was for a new retail shop selling sports gear and souvenirs. In this case, reservations were put forward about the building line and about the reluctance of some neighbours to have a shop next to them.

In view of the care and effort exerted by the Parish Council in commenting objectively on planning applications, it is extremely disappointing to find that the South Hams District Council Planning Committee apparently pays no attention to our views when reaching their decisions. In the case of the application to build two houses on the Orchard behind the "Journey's End", the Parish Council - with the support of a well attended public meeting - put forward many objections. Moreover, no fewer than twenty three letters of objection were sent to the District Council, by the South Hams Society and by individual residents. Notwithstanding this strong expression of local feeling, we understand that the application is to be approved.

Annual Meeting. 7 p.m. 5 April 1988

Among the guest speakers will be Mr. John Eaton. Deputy Director of Planning, South Hams District Council. Mr. Eaton has agreed to explain the planning policy of the S.H.D.C. and to spell out the considerations leading to decisions made by the Planning Committee following the recommendations put forward by the planning officers which sometimes seem counter to those of the Parish Council concerned. He will also answer all questions.

Planning is a topical and, sometimes, an explosive subject - this then is a unique opportunity to get official and individual answers to those questions which occasionally appear to be so puzzling. Please attend the meeting if you can possibly manage it.

Skip Service: The provisional dates for the skip service are as follows:-

Ringmore 16-20 May Challaborough 23-27 May.

Thefts from Parked Cars: The first theft of the season, from a parked car at Challaborough, has been reported. P.C. Penrice has strongly advised residents to lock unattended cars at all times and to hide off valuable equipment.

Challaborough Camp Swimming Pool: The new owners of the Camp have said that, in the past, the fees taken have been insufficient to cover the cost of keeping the pool open in the winter. They would only be prepared to reconsider winter opening if sufficient people were prepared to pay for the use of the pool. Anyone who would be prepared to pay for winter membership should give their names to the Clerk - Mrs. Sally Davis.

Job on offer: Do you have a few hours to spare and would you like to do something for the benefit of the community, and are not sure how to set about doing it. Why not take on the job of Parish Clerk, it is an important and essential job in the community and is not without some small monetary reward. Interested; then why not find out more about the job and salary from the retiring clerk Sally Davis or the Chairman Ken Williams, and earn the immediate gratitude of the Parish Council.

W.I.

The next evening meeting will be on Thursday 10 March at 7.30 p.m., in the W.I. Hall. At 8.15 p.m. Countess Grey will describe and demonstrate her work on pottery and this part of the meeting will be open to the public. The next afternoon meeting will be on Wednesday 16 March at 2.30 p.m. in the W.I. Hall. This meeting will be mainly concerned with the practical activities of the group who attend in the afternoons. More or less sufficient knitted squares have now been collected to make a blanket for Ethiopia. Any further squares should be brought along to the meeting. Help is now needed for sewing the squares together and volunteers will be welcomed. The other project is the making of tapestry runners for the seats in the Parish Church. Designs based on local flowers, will be available at the meeting - so that those who are willing to participate in the work can make a choice. Non-members are welcome to attend. The Parochial Church Council has offered to pay for the canvas for the project, but this still leaves a lot of money to be raised for the purchase of wool etc. Most of those who have already started a runner have contributed £5 or £10 for materials. Further contributions would be welcome and should be given to Mrs. M. Trant at "The Vein".

SOUTH HAMS SOCIETY

The speaker at this year's Annual General Meeting, on Thursday 24 March at 7.30 p.m., will be Mr. Ian Mercer - Dartmoor National Park Officer. He will speak on "The South Hams Proper - A Human Landscape". Mr. Mercer is well known locally, because of his former connection with slapton Ley Field Centre and he is an excellent speaker. In view of the over-crowding at last years A.G.M., it has been decided to book a larger room this year - in the King's Arms Hotel, Fore Street, Kingsbridge.

INTER PARISH QUIZ

Ringmore has won its way into the next round of the quiz by defeating Bigbury, the scores being Ringmore 187 Bigbury 164. Whilst the Ringmore team did well in the first leg at Ringmore W.I. Hall the return match at the Memorial Hall St. Anns Chapel occasioned some anxious moments, when as has happened before, Ringmore's knowledge of flora and fauna was found to be wanting. Our next opponent is the Parish of Kingston. The venue being at Kingston and the date towards the end of March. This will be announced on our notice boards in good time so that maximum support may be raised. It seems to be general that all parish teams enjoy the following of a faithful core of parishioners but it is the hope and intention of the promoters, the Ivybridge Adult Education Committee, that the event should have a wider appeal. So watch out for that announcement. The next round is as follows:-
Kingston v Ringmore South Brent v Brixton Ermington v Cornwood
Newton & Noss v Ugborough.

Church News

THE RECTOR'S NOTES -

Have you noticed the disconcerting way in which great occasions turn out to be quite ordinary in the event - perhaps it will rain or just be dull, and you say to yourself, "this doesn't feel like Christmas" or "surely Easter ought to be a bright sunny day"!? All the same, anniversaries are important because they help us to remember, and the Church calendar ensures that we are reminded of all the essential truths of the Christian faith, rather than just concentrating on a favourite aspect. So, Good Friday and Easter come into sight and remind us that Christmas and the birth of Jesus is not complete without the less-acceptable fact that He came to die for us; and the challenging truth that He rose and lives for us, in 1988 as much as at the first Eastertide.



SERVICES INTO APRIL

	<u>BIGBURY</u> St.Lawrence	<u>RINGMORE</u> All Hallows	<u>KINGSTON</u> St.James
<u>13th March</u> Mothering Sun	11.00am Family Service	9.00am Holy Communion	3.00pm Family Service
<u>20th March</u>	8.00am Holy Communion	6.00pm Evening Prayer	11.00am Family Service
<u>27th March</u> (Summer-time!)	11.00am Morning Prayer	9.00am Holy Communion	6.00pm Evening Prayer
<u>31st March</u> Maundy Thurs.	7.30pm Holy Communion		
<u>1st April</u> Good Friday	10.30am Family Service	2.00pm One Hour Devotion	7.00pm "The Cross of Christ"
<u>3rd April</u> <u>EASTER DAY</u>	6.00pm Evening Prayer and Communion	11.00am Family Service and Communion	9.00am Holy communion
<u>10th April</u>	11.00am Family service	9.00am Holy Communion	6.00pm Evening Prayer
<u>17th April</u>	8.00am Holy Communion	6.00pm Evening Prayer	11.00am Family Service

Please note the Annual Church Meetings are planned for the evenings of 17th, Ringmore; then Kingston on the 18th and Bigbury, the 19th. Full details week by week in the Sunday Church Bulletin.



A SPECIAL PROJECT FOR LENT

During the weeks leading up to Easter, we are putting together simple items to send to African Pastors to help and encourage them in their service. These include ballpoint pens, handkerchiefs, reporters' notebooks, head-scarves, pencils & rubbers, men's socks and exercise books. Each large envelope will contain the same selection, and we hope to send flwith each envelope filled. Simple but effective help from those who have so much to those who have so little! It isn't too late to join in if anyone would like to bring any contributions to the Rectory at Ringmore or the Post Office at Bigbury (c/o Ellen Bardens).

BRITISH LEGION

The next meeting will be held at Jack Smith, Sedgewell Sands on 8 April at 7.30 p.m. Mr. Harvey, the S.W. Secretary will give a short talk and show a video about the Legion. All are welcome.

DEFENSIVE DRIVING NO.3

You can see ahead a tractor cab roof above the high Devon bank. Which way is it facing? Is it leaving the field and joining the road? Slow down. In the narrow lane ahead there are mud trails leaving a field gate. There must be a tractor leaving and entering, perhaps with a very large tractor. Slow down. The dotted white lines in the centre of the country road, have ceased. This means the carriage way is too narrow for 2 vehicles to pass each other. Slow down, and expect to stop. (Can we educate our summer visitors to understand this rule?) I would hope that the Devon and Cornwall Constabulary, instead of asking people travelling down to the West to do exercises to keep them awake, present them with a leaflet explaining the safe speed to negotiate Devon lanes, and the rule about white lines, and passing places. You are about to overtake the car ahead. Have you seen the other driver's eyes in his mirror? If not I doubt whether he know's you are there. If the driving mirror of the car ahead appears to be crooked and "out of line", beware; the driver never looks in it. B.M.

FOLLOWING numerous comments passed to us in the shop we wish to inform all our customers that our property is NOT on the market for sale. We are however currently hoping to obtain planning permission to build a shop at Challaborough which is intended to sell beach and sea related products. Ringmore Country Fayre will benefit from this additional shop, as it will provide more space for food and off licence sales.

Suzanne and Roger Race, Ringmore Country Fayre.

BRIAN McCABE has taken over the gardening, maintenance side of Bigbury Services and welcomes your enquiries for grass cutting, strimming, hedging etc. on Bigbury 810538

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,BOOTS AND SHOES, OUTDOOR CLOTHING & ELECTRICAL GOODS & 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

JOURNEY'S END INN. FROM 18.3.88.OPENING HOURS.

Mon-Sat 11.00 a.m. - 2.30 p.m.
6.00 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.


D.H. & C.S. WILKINSON
MASTER BUTCHER
PURVEYOR OF FINE MEATS & GAME
Local deliveries - trade enquiries welcome.
CHURCH ST. MODBURY. TEL. 830240.
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HELP needed at Challacott Centre on Saturday mornings through season - good rates of pay. Telephone Suzanne Race Bigbury on Sea 810217 or 810354.

ALTER SMOKE

Somewhere inside of me
There must have always been a tenderness
For the little, lived with things
A man crowds upon his worn fistful of earth.
Somewhere inside of me
There must have always been a love
Made to fill the square aggressiveness of new cut hedges,
And feed the pursed green mouths of baby leaves;
A love made to understand
The way grass cuddles up to porch steps leaned upon by time,
And why dandelions nudge the stones along the walk;
A Love for garden hose curled sleeping in the noon hush,
Coolness trickling lazily from its open mouth,
For shingles starched and saucy in white paint,
And an old rake rusty with dreams of tangled grass and butterflies.
A love for candle flames, like pointed blossoms on their ghostly stems,
And frost forests breathing wonder on the parlour windows.
Somewhere inside of me
There must have always been an alter of hewn stones
Upon which my love casts these --- Burnt
Burnt offerings -----
To make a sweet savour
Unto my soul.
Give me the strength my God,
To scatter my fires and tumble the alter stones in confusion;
Give me the strength to raise my eyes,
So that hard and sharp across my heart
Like shadow cut on mountain rock,
Wilfall the agony of sunset -----
So that I can see
The laughter of clouds spun into the blue web of infinity,
So that my soul can reach out
And melt in the sweep of forever
Above all these.

Rosalie Grayer. 1946.
(17 year old student)

PARSNIP FLAN

This desert was made in the Tudor times, so with the 400th year of the Armada in mind, you may like to try it. In those Tudor days sugar was almost unheard of, so parsnips being a sweet vegetable, it was made into puddings.

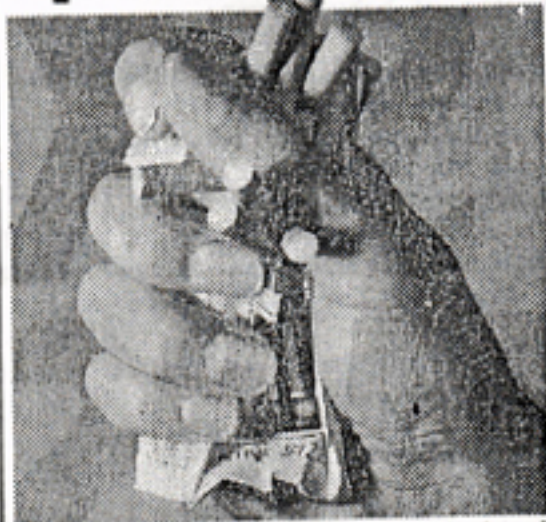
Make a shortcrust pastry and line 8"-9" flan tin.

1½lb parsnips peeled and quartered; 2 tablespns. of thick honey; 1 level teasp. ground ginger; ½ teasp. mixed spice; 2 egg yolks; Juice and grated rind of 2 lemons.

Boil parsnips until soft, drain and mash well. Add honey, spices, egg yolks and grated rind and juice of lemons. Mix well and spoon into pastry case. Make a lattice and cook until golden brown. When ready to serve decorate with fresh primroses.

J.E.B.

**You have 5 days
to build
up the strength.**



Wednesday 9th March is National No Smoking Day. But you could make it National Stop Smoking Day.

For the next 5 days, think about every cigarette you smoke.

Think about what it does to your body. And if you have children, how it can harm their health.

Each time you light up a cigarette, ask yourself why you're smoking it.

Do you really want it, or is it just an involuntary action?

The fact is, the satisfaction of smoking is nothing compared to the satisfaction of giving up.

Already, nearly 11 million people in this country have kicked the habit.

They didn't think they could do it, either.

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