



The fact that the Newsletter is later than usual can be blamed on the delights of the ancient Ridgeway Track across the Oxfordshire plain and the Chiltern Hills.

We would like to draw your attention to the Coffee Morning in aid of ST. LUKES HOSPICE. Bedding plants available from Marwell at the end of April, which is soon enough to get them in the ground.

RAINFALL 29 February - 28 March 3½ inches.

PARISH COUNCIL

Planning: Mr. J. Eaton - the Assistant Director (Development Control) of South Hams District Council - attended the Annual Parish Meeting to explain his Council's current planning policies. He said that decisions on planning applications had to be made within the constraints of Government policy, which now placed more emphasis on development than on the conservation of rural areas. He realised that the priorities of the South Hams electorate were different, but he had to have regard to the fact that an unsuccessful applicant had a right to appeal to the Department of the Environment. He considered that a rejection of development on the orchard would not have been upheld on appeal. Mr. Eaton answered many questions about the orchard, including the width of the access lane; the destruction of the boundary wall in order to create a turning circle; the closed minds of the site inspection team; the need to preserve the beauty of the village in order to attract holiday visitors; the grounds given for rejecting development on the previous occasion and the significance of the site being in a Conservation Area. He said that the Government had decided that the County Highway Engineer would no longer have powers to oppose development. The significance of a Conservation Area related only to a prohibition on the use of unsuitable building materials and on the destruction of trees or walls without prior permission. In thanking Mr. Eaton for his attendance. Mr. Williams said that it was clearly still the view of many Ringmore residents that a mistake had been made in allowing development on the orchard. Nevertheless careful consideration would be given to the detailed plans when they became available.

Parish Clerk: Mrs. Valerie Belsey, of 2 Hill Top, St. Ann's Chapel was elected to succeed Mrs. Davis as Clerk.

Footpaths Representative: Mr. Brian McCabe was elected as Footpaths Officer.

Trees: Mr. J. Regan, the Landscape and Forestry Officer of the South Hams District Council has visited the village to investigate several matters connected with trees:-

- 1) The felling of fourteen pine trees in the Bigbury Bay Holiday Camp.
- 2) A request for a Tree Preservation Order on a holly tree in the orchard behind the Journey's End Inn.
- 3) The lopping of branches from two ash trees in Ringmore in order to provide for the passage of an extraordinarily high holiday chalet to Bigbury Bay Holiday Camp.

Parish Council Cont.

Mr. Regan has not yet given his views on these matters, but the Parish Council has decided to ask for a limitation on the height of vehicles passing through the village.

Skip Service: The date for the skip at Challaborough has now been changed to Monday 9 May.

Mirror at St. Ann's Chapel: An approach is to be made to Bigbury Parish Council, to ask them to restore the mirror, which has disappeared.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

All the money raised for charity this year will be donated to Associated Countrywomen of the World. The main event to raise money for this cause will be a sponsored walk on Wednesday 11 May. Members will walk from Ringmore and Challaborough to Burgh Island, starting at 10.00 a.m. and proceeding via St. Ann's Chapel and Bigbury or by any other route. Lunch will be taken at the Pilchard Inn and it is hoped that a visit to the Burgh Island Hotel will be possible, before the return walk. Do please come. The walk will be enjoyable and the money is very much needed.

A beautiful crochet blanket and several knitted cot blankets have been donated by Mrs. Joan Baughan. These, together with the two large blankets made by members from knitted squares will soon be sent to Save the Children Fund for transport to Africa. Nine people (some not members of the W.I.) have already started to make tapestry runners, for the Church Pews. Four others will start soon and more volunteers are needed, if the project is to be completed in a reasonable time. Please contact Margaret Jenkins, if you are willing to help.

The next evening meeting will be on Thursday 14 April, when there will be a talk on Food Allergies by Dr. Hamlyn and final arrangements will be made for the Group Meeting at Ringmore on 21 April.

The next afternoon meeting will be the last until the autumn. It will be on Wednesday 20 April at 2.30 p.m. in the W.I. Hall. Anna Bennett will show slides of her restoration work on some gold and silver antique objects and a programme of summer visits to gardens in Devon and Cornwall will be arranged.

COFFEE MORNING in aid of ST. LUKE'S HOSPICE. Thursday 28 April 10.30 a.m. Raffle, cake stall. Venue - The Manor House, Ringmore.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Change of date. Mr. Copley will talk on Ancient Trackways of Dartmoor at the W.I. Hall on WEDNESDAY 20 APRIL at 7.30 p.m. There will be a Committee Meeting on Wednesday 4 May at 7.30 p.m. at Middle Manor.

INTER PARISH QUIZ

It is pleasing to report that the Ringmore Quiz Team have reached the semi-finals of the contest by beating our neighbours Kingston 94-76 in the contest at Kingston on 29.3.88. We last met two years ago when we put up a good fight, losing by a small margin.

Our next opponents are South Brent at South Brent School Hall at 8.00 p.m. on Tuesday 26 April. Please support your local team. We are under no illusions as to the task because South Brent are consistent finalists and winners, nevertheless given the support of the attendance on the 29th, an "away match", we hope and intend to do well. The other semi final is between Cornwood and Newton Noss.

W.R.W.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

The April meeting of the RBL was held at the Sedgewell Sands Tea Rooms, Bigbury on Sea on Friday 8 April. The meeting which was attended by both male and female members of the RBL was given a very interesting talk by Mr. Harvey, the S.W. Secretary, on the wide ranging work of the Legion. He also showed a video of many facets of this work, which was much appreciated. The next meeting of the mens section of the RBL will also be at Sedgewell Sands Tea Rooms on Friday 6 May at 7.30 p.m.

THE LUPRIDGE SINGERS will be singing J.S. Bach's great motet "Jesu, Priceless Treasure" and Elgar's Te Deum and Benedictus in Harberton Church on Friday 20 May and in Buckfast Abbey on Saturday 21 May.

DEFENSIVE DRIVING NO.4

The new style motor cycle helmet envelopes the ears making the rider virtually deaf. The young man ahead of you on his bike may not have heard or seen you.

In the "Rules to prevent collision at Sea" a favourite question was, "what does a single white light indicate?" It can mean many things, similarly on the road in fog or darkness. A motor bike coming towards you? A very large tractor and trailer with a faulty light? A tractor going away from you with its ploughing light left on by mistake? A push bike perhaps with rider dismounted? In bad visibility its worth slowing right down until you have identified the single white light. (No prizes for telling the editor the many meanings of a single white light at sea).

We all tend to drive towards the centre white line on fast bends. It is very bad news when the other fellow is doing this, coming the other way! A good example of this situation is at the Toll House bend at the Eastern approach to Modbury. The driver of the huge articulated lorry attempting to drive through Modbury is not to blame for the size of his vehicle. It is the Ministry of Transport and the E.E.C. The driver usually has great skill and courtesy.

B.M.

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LOTS OF HOUSEHOLD ITEMS FOR SALE PLEASE PHONE 810639. EVENINGS OR WEEKENDS.

JOURNEYS END INN

As you may or may not know the Journey's End Inn is changing hands again. Bob & Tessa Dunkley are leaving the village after 18 months and we wish them well in their new life. Many sections of the community have benefitted by their willingness to help, and they have been a generous giver to the many draw prizes required over the year. In particular the British Legion will be sad to see them go, because the two annual events held during their tenure raised £150 towards the poppy appeal. (Our new landlords are Dick and Rosemary from Sussex. They take over the licence on Wednesday 13 April 1988 and we offer them our good wishes for a long and happy stay in our village.



BAVARIAN SOUP. A marrow bone sawn into 3 pieces. Remove marrow with long thin knife and put marrow into bowl. Break up marrow with a fork, and add same amount of bread-crumbs, salt and pepper and egg to bind - make into ping-pong size dumplings. Put marrow bones into a large saucepan, with large quartered onion and 2 beef stock cubes (a piece of lovage, optional) and salt, cover with water. Bring to the boil and skim, then simmer for 2 hrs. Strain stock into a pan, and when boiling add 2 dumplings per person, when grey looking turn gently over, usually about 5 mins to cook. Serve with a pinch of parsley or chives on top. Deep freezes well, but keep stock separate from uncooked dumplings.

J.E.B.

CHURCH NEWS

The Rector writes -

At the beginning of May we have two apparently different occasions to remember - Rogationtide on Sunday 8th and Ascensiontide on Thursday 12th; one taking over the old pagan rites concerning the growing crops and the other recalling the return of our Lord Jesus Christ to His glory in heaven. Yet, though they may appear to be very different, they are both founded in the confidence that God is in control - on the one hand, as Psalm 65 puts it, "The dwellers at the ends of the earth hold thy signs in awe; Thou dost visit the earth and give it abundance" and of the ascended Lord Jesus, reigning in majesty, Philipians 2 reads - "God raised Him to the heights and bestowed on Him the name above all names, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow - in heaven, on earth and in the depths".



SERVICES TO THE END OF MAY

<u>Sundays</u>	<u>The 9.0am Communion</u>	<u>The 11.0am Family Service</u>	<u>The 6.0pm Evening Service</u>
April 24 (Easter 3)	Ringmore	Bigbury (Morning Prayer & Communion)	Kingston
May 1st (Easter 4)	Kingston	Ringmore	Bigbury
May 8th (Easter 5)	Ringmore	Bigbury	Kingston (Communion)
May 15th (Sun. after Ascension)	8.00am Bigbury	Kingston	Deanery Evensong at South Milton
May 22nd (Whit-Sunday)	Ringmore	Bigbury (Morning Prayer & Communion)	Kingston
May 29th (Trinity Sunday)	8.00am Bigbury	Kingston (Morning Prayer & Communion)	Ringmore

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BLANKET APPEAL FOR MOZAMBIQUE



Have you any blankets you are no longer using? Help the Aged has set up an appeal for the people of Mozambique who are in desperate need, and we have arranged for collection points where blankets can be brought.

In Ringmore, Sir Douglas and Lady Hall will receive them up to April 17th and then they can be brought to the Rectory until the 24th. Other collection points are The Old Rectory, Bigbury; Wavecrest, Bigbury-on-Sea and Cobblestones, Kingston.

Please see that the blankets are in reasonable condition and clean ready to be sent straight out to Africa, saving further loss of time and expense.



Dizzy speeds and dizzy heights for Black Mass

MORRIS Marina coupes are not normally known for their outstanding performance.

But in Ringmore there lurks a Marina which will go from 0-60mph in just over two seconds. And in a quarter - of - a mile it will accelerate to nearly 130mph!

But this is no ordinary Marina. It's a fully souped - up drag racer operated by Ringmore's Black Mass Racing Team, a car which last year reached the world championship final in its class.

Drag racing is an all - action motor spectacular, where a series of knock-out two - car heats are

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(129mph), and the 'Top Shop Crowdpleaser Trophy' for the most popular car on the strip in 1987.

Roars of sympathy from a 20,000 crowd after the Black Mass car broke down in the world final underlined this achievement.

But it was a success achieved on a shoestring budget, with team members pouring their own cash into the Black Mass project. Rob and Martin have shelled out some £5,000 this winter to make the car even faster.

They do have some sponsorship — from Mobil and from ETM Transmissions of Plymouth, who provide gear-box needs — but desperately need more help.

Spectacle

They aim to win an international meeting this year, and to get into the nine - second time bracket, the ultimate achievement in their sport. If they do this, mechanic Martin has vowed to shave off his beard.

'This year we got right to the world finals', said Rob, 'and there were 20-25,000 people at an event. I'm surprised there aren't a few more enterprising businesses around who could use this sort of publicity.'

The car has been further improved for this year with a new Chrysler engine of more than seven litres which can produce some 800 brake horse power.

The sport is a 'bug' for all four men, who say they love it for its 'sheer brute power,

speed, colour and spectacle.'

Actually driving the beast is an exhilarating experience for Rob, and for Kevin, who has now had some practice runs in the car. Rob has been racing now for seven years, and doesn't plan 'to go on for ever.'

Once the start light turns to green, Rob says it's a toss - up between putting his foot to the floor and closing his eyes as the first thing he does. More seriously, the start light demands an enormous amount of concentration and skill, as races can be won or lost on the green.

The car has an automatic transmission, and is completely stripped out inside to reduce weight. It has various instruments, but all Rob can keep an eye on during each frenetic run is the rev meter.

The most frightening moment is at the start, when there is so much power being transmitted to the rear wheels that the front wheels leave the ground, so the driver has little control until they come down again. Hopefully straight.

The new season starts at Easter, and the team are determined to trim those few - hundredths of a second off their times to break into the nine - second bracket which will confirm their growing status as one of Europe's top outfits.

Anybody wishing to support the Black Mass Racing Team — the name comes from the sheer size of their black racing car, a 'black mass' — can contact Rob Batten on (0548) 810679 in the evenings.

● Picture: The Black Mass Racing Team and their car — not the most economical means of motoring. It does about a mile to a gallon! From left, Kevin Woodman, Rob Batten, Martin Lane and Patrick Woodman, with some of their trophies.

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held, culminating in a final. The object of this exciting but dangerous sport is to cover a quarter - of - mile of racing track faster than anybody else. And it's an art which the Black Mass team — their car is called Black Mass II — are set to master.

The team is driver Rob Batten, a fleet car salesman, Martin Lane, and brothers Kevin and Patrick Woodman, an engineer and an electrician respectively. They all live in the Ringmore area, and they have created their Black Mass racing car themselves.

Among their numerous successes with last year's 6.5 litre Chrysler - engine car - beefed up with a nitrous oxide fuel system — was a victory at world - famous Santa Pod, a place in their class's world final — after times of 10.26 seconds

Minor Masterpieces of English Art



TESTING THE WATERS

A delightful water-colour by Edward Killingworth Johnson (1825-1923) of a fashionable young Victorian girl timidly approaching the edge of the tide amid a swirl of petticoats (painted in 1889). Johnson, born in Stratford-le-Bow (London) was largely self-taught, but exhibited at the Royal Academy. He became noted for portraying middle-class family scenes, generally in elegant, garden settings. He lived in London until 1871 when he moved to Essex, where this beach scene was probably set.