



A HAPPY CHRISTMAS to everyone and a safe journey if you are travelling. Once again a big thank you to everyone involved in the production, distribution and printing of the Newsletter. Last months picture was of the River Plym above Cadover Bridge.
RAINFALL 31 October - 2 December 2 $\frac{1}{8}$ ".

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Poppy Appeal 1988. Last years record total of £1099.24 looked like a record that would be very hard to match, but the parishoners of Bigbury, Kingston and Ringmore have taken it all in their stride and produced a remarkable £1158.79 for the Poppy Appeal. A number of events took place over the fortnight and the breakdown is as follows:
A very successful Auction of memorabilia was held at the Journey's End Inn, Ringmore on Friday evening 4 November by kind permission of mine hosts Dick and Rosemary. Our grateful thanks to all who provided articles for sale, to all who bid for these articles, and to Rob Batten assisted by his wife Fiona and Martin Lane, who splendidly conducted the auction to produce a remarkable £247.50 for the appeal.
On Saturday morning 12 November a coffee morning was held at Sedgewell Sands, Bigbury-on-Sea by kind permission of Mr. Mrs. Jack Smith. Raffles were held, a bring and buy stall operated and a cake stall did good business. Once again thanks are due to all who helped make the morning a success and produce £170.20 for the appeal.
The Remembrance service was held on Sunday 13 November at Kingston Church and was conducted by our Rector Rev. Arthur Drowley. A well attended service realised £103.50 towards the appeal.
During the previous ten days a dedicated band of collectors had been out and about in the parishes calling on all the households and once again collecting a remarkable £523.36
The final event was a Royal British Legion Women's Section whist drive held at the Ringmore W.I. Hall on Wednesday 16 November, which realised £55.03.
The local British Legion Branch would like to thank everyone who has helped to make this

year another record year. The collectors who gave so much time and energy covering the parishes. The ladies who made the cakes, ran the stalls and organised the whist drive. The shops, pubs and others who provided most of the raffle prizes. Lastly, but certainly not least, all those wonderful people who, with so many calls on their purse, still managed to support this great cause.

G.P. Eddy

Poppy Appeal Organiser

The next meeting of the British Legion will be on 6 January 1989 at the Journey's End. The February meeting will be at the Reading room Kingston on 3 February (Check in the January Newsletter).

BONFIRE NIGHT

We would like to say a big THANK YOU to all the hardworking and kind people, for a well organised and splendid bonfire and fireworks display on 5 November (with no casualties). Special thanks to Rosemary and Dick from the Journey's End who laid on a superb barbecue and soft drinks, mainly for the children, Punch and beer for the adults, also Richard Ferraton who kindly loaned the use of his field for the event. It would have been even better if a few more people had turned up and it is hoped that 1989 will see a bigger gathering.

A. and M. King.

CHRISTMAS SING SONG

Come and enjoy an informal old tyme sing song and carols with the residents at the Korniloff Bigbury-on-Sea at 7.15 p.m. on Monday 12 December Admission 50p. Children free including light refreshments organised by the Bigbury Conservatives but open to all. Please ring 810387 to help us estimate the catering if you can come. Please do.

A MOST UNPLEASANT NEIGHBOUR

In early summer I had occasion to collect and burn plastic etc. which had been washed up on the bank of the river Avon. About two days later my right arm and shoulder blade started to smart as if from sunburn? I thought that I might have unknowingly brushed against Giant Hogweed? (The subject of a recent newspaper article) in a small marsh one kilometer south of the tidal road and that it had affected me through a flannelette shirt. It was not serious, but it lasted three weeks and it would clearly have been unwise to risk a heavy contact so I consulted all my neighbours reference books and wrote to Kew Gardens who were extremely helpful. Eventually I sent specimens which were identified as Hemlock Water Dropwort, an extremely poisonous plant which is common in marshy ground in south and west England. I will quote from letter. (It appears that it can also cause irritation to the skin and earlier this year we had a similar enquiry to yours. Here the person had cut down the plant and also lain on it while photographing another plant and had experienced most unpleasant effects. End of quote).

The enclosed material describes it as 50-150 cm tall but the plants I saw in an extremely favoured situation were about 225 cm tall and some I thought about 250 cm.

Tom Woodall
Parish Street Sweeper.



CHURCH NOTES


THE RECTOR WRITES

Please consult the service schedule with extra care because there are changes to the normal pattern as we try to fit the Christmas "specials" into the rota. Inevitably the month will seem a little jumbled, and the whole situation is complicated by the unusual event of Christmas Day itself being a Sunday!

If we do find the arrangements awkward, perhaps we should pause and ask the question "Whose birthday is it anyway?"! The Christian festival is, of course, a family celebration, but the distinctive message is the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ - it is primarily a celebration of His birthday. Our Christmas Day services give us the opportunity to leave our gifts and goodies for a short while, to join with others, locally and in the world-wide Church, to shout

" H A P P Y B I R T H D A Y , L O R D ! "

Church Services through December

Date	Bigbury	Ringmore	Kingston
11th	11.00am	9.00am	6.00pm
	Morning Service & Communion	Holy Communion	Evening Service
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18th	6.00pm	9.00am	11.00am
	Carol Service	Holy Communion	Family Carols
21st - Wed. - 7.00pm Ringmore Village Carols in the Church Institute			
24th - Christmas Eve - 11.30pm, Carols and Communion at Kingston			
25th - CHRISTMAS DAY	11.00am	9.00am	6.00pm
	Family Service & Communion	Carols and Communion	Family Carols

" Come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord "



And on into January

Jan 1st	6.00pm	11.00am	9.00am
	Evening Service	Family Service	Holy Communion
Jan 8th	11.00am	9.00am	6.00pm
	Family Service	Holy Communion	Evening Service

RINGMORE VILLAGE CAROLS



A log fire, Christmas tree, holly and lights, mince pies and coffee - all designed to give a family atmosphere to a Christmas occasion for the village! These will be the setting in the Church Institute on the evening of Wednesday, Dec.21st at 7.0pm. when everyone is invited to a Carol Celebration in Ringmore.

But no celebration is meaningful without people! We may sing carols (and we have a "three-villages united choir to lead us) we may read the story of the birth of the Lord Jesus, but unless folk come to share, we'll have missed the opportunity the occasion presents. You should receive an invitation through your door - please book the date and time, and be there.

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ARTHUR DROWLEY
Rector.



CHRISTMAS MORNING by ELIZABETH MADOX ROBERTS
(The NATIVITY through the eyes of a child)

If Bethlehem were here today
Or this were very long ago,
There wouldn't be a winter time
Nor any cold or snow.

I'd run out through the garden gate,
And down along the pasture walk;
And off beside the cattle barns
I'd hear a kind of gentle talk.

I'd move the heavy iron chain
And pull away the wooden pin;
I'd push the door a little bit
And tiptoe very softly in.

The pigeons and the yellow hens
And all the cows would stand away;
Their eyes would open wide to see
A Lady in the manger hay.

If this were very long ago
And Bethlehem were here today
And mother held my hand and smiled--
I mean the Lady would--and she
Would take the woolly blankets off
Her little boy so I could see.

His shut up eyes would be asleep,
And he would look like our John,
And he would be all crumpled too
And have a pinkish colour on.

I'd watch his breath go in and out,
His little clothes would all be white.
I'd slip my finger in his hand
To feel how he could hold it tight.

And she would smile and say "Take care",
The mother, Mary, would, "Take care";
And I would kiss his little hand
And touch his hair.

While Mary put the blankets back
The gentle talk would soon begin.
And when I'd tiptoe softly out,
I'd meet the wise men going in.



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INN-SIGHT. THE JOURNEY'S END INN. THE GAMES NIGHT WENT EXTREMELY WELL, AND WE RAISED £51-56 FOR THE DAME HANNAH RODGERS SCHOOL FOR HANDICAPPED PEOPLE. MANY THANKS TO THOSE WHO TURNED UP AND COMPETED IN THE VARIOUS GAMES. WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK JOHN BRACEY WHO TURNED UP IN SHORTS WITH A SELECTION OF SPORTING EQUIPMENT, WHICH ALTHOUGH NOT INCLUDED IN THE GAMES ADDED TO THE SPIRIT OF THE EVENING. OUR SPECIAL THANKS TO VAL AND JIM FREEMAN FOR MAKING AND ORGANISING THE PENGUIN RACES. THE ONLY INJURY SUSTAINED WAS BY YOUR VERY OWN LANDLADY, ROSEMARY, WHO BRUISED HER HAND WHILST ARM-WRESTLING WITH THAT BIG BULLY RICHARD PERRATON. BY POPULAR REQUEST WE PLAN TO REPEAT THE EVENING PROBABLY TOWARDS THE END OF FEBRUARY. OUR CHRISTMAS DRAW TICKETS ARE SELLING LIKE HOT CAKES - BUY NOW TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT. THE DRAW WILL BE MADE ON SATURDAY 17 DECEMBER. PLEASE COME AND SEE IF YOU HAVE WON THE TURKEY OR ONE OF THE OTHER TOO NUMEROUS TO MENTION PRIZES. VILLAGE DAY ON THURSDAYS IS GATHERING MOMENTUM. AMONGST OUR "REGULARS" TAKING ADVANTAGE OF OUR 25% DISCOUNT FOR LADIES MEALS ARE THE TRANTS, THE EDDYS, MRS. TAYLOR. THURSDAY 22 DECEMBER CHRISTMAS LUNCH AT £3.95.

NEW YEARS EVE PARTY - FANCY DRESS ON A THEME OF YOKELS AND YUPPIES. WHICH ARE YOU?: FILOFAX, CRAVAT, GREEN WELLIES; OR SMOCK, HOBNAIL BOOTS & A PASTY. OO-AR O.K. YAR. THERE WILL BE A BUFFET SUPPER AT £3.75. PLEASE CALL IN OR TELEPHONE 810205 TO RESERVE TICKETS BEFORE 24 DECEMBER. THIS ENABLES US TO HAVE AN IDEA OF NUMBERS AND THERE WILL ONLY BE A FEW TICKETS AVAILABLE ON THE NIGHT. THE BUFFET WILL BE SERVED BETWEEN 9.30 & 10.30 p.m. FANCY DRESS IS OPTIONAL, BUT A FREE DRINK IS GIVEN TO THOSE IN COSTUME, TOGETHER WITH PRIZES FOR THOSE CONSIDERED BEST, AND JUDGING BY THE EXCELLENT RESPONSE AT HALLOWEEN, COMPETITION WILL BE STIFF. FINALLY WE HAVE A NEW ADDITION TO OUR FAMILY A PARROT CALLED SCRUMPY. HE IS ONLY SIX MONTHS OLD AND AS YET DOESN'T TALK, BUT BY SPRINGTIME HE SHOULD HAVE ONE OR TWO WORDS IN HIS VOCABULARY.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

At the Annual general Meeting on 10 November, Mrs. Margaret Wood was re-elected as President. The Committee for 1989 is as follows:-
Vice President and Press Officer: Mrs. Naomi Warne
Secretary: Mrs. Suzanne Race
Treasurer: Mrs. Myra Eddy
Assistant Secretary: Miss Natalie Hilton
Committee: Mrs. Pam Brunskill, Miss Molly Trueman,
Mrs. Alice Mason.

The programme of evening meetings in 1989 will be as follows:-

- 12 January: Mr. Chris Broomhead (Thatcher) will demonstrate the making of birds in straw.
9 February: Mr. Ian Leech will show slides of National Trust Gardens.
9 March: Mr. Gordon Waterhouse and Mr. Bryan Ashby will show slides of the coast, from Bantham to Salcombe.
13 April: Mrs. B. Owen will speak on "Experiences of a Theatre Pianist".
11 May: Resolutions.
8 June: Garden Meeting at Middle Manor.
13 July: Mrs. J. Lee will speak on "How I Became a W.I. Member".
14 Sept: Mrs. Gough will demonstrate cake icing.
12 October: Mrs. Judy Chard will speak on her new book on Bigbury and Burgh Island.
The Spring Group Meeting will be at Loddeswell on 20 April.
The next afternoon meeting will be on 25 January at 2.30 p.m. in the W.I. Hall. Mrs. Ann Walker will speak on the drying of flowers and demonstrate a dried flower arrangement.

Parish Council.

Planning:- Detailed plans for a dwelling on Site 2 of The Orchard have been approved by the Parish Council on condition that notwithstanding the split-level design, the building shall not be raised on any plinth; That the roof be of natural slate and that no second dwelling may, in future, be built on the site.

The plans for the new Dolphin Cafe at Challaborough Bay Holiday Centre are still thought, by District Council planners, to be too large and they will have to be revised before being considered by the Parish Council. Plans for the Beach Bar extension are still being considered by Bigbury Parish Council.

The Parish Council had no objection to the conversion of a further barn at South Langstone to a dwelling but opposed the building of two dwellings in the garden of "The Rickle" at Challaborough.

Refuse Collection:- In the weeks commencing 26 December and 2 January, the refuse collection will be one day late.

Trees:- The trees, which have been ordered under the County Council Free Trees Scheme, will be available on 15 or 16 December. As they are going to only a few locations this year, they will be delivered to the people concerned. The number of trees planted in Ringmore, since we started participating in the scheme, are as follows:-

1985 - 162 trees were planted, of which 11 were killed by cows, horses or strimmers.

1986 - 71 trees were planted, of which 4 died through becoming overgrown.

1987 - 90 County Council trees plus 15 "Armada Oaks" and a specially purchased horse chestnut were planted.

1988 - 48 trees have been ordered.

All of this tree planting should, in due course, help to restore the former leafy appearance of Ringmore village. The Parish Council would be very pleased to hear of any further suitable sites for planting.

South Hams Society

Many members of the South Hams Society consider that the annual cream tea is the most enjoyable event of the year. The tea is always home-made, ample and delicious; the speaker is always entertaining; and the hall is large, so that there is a good opportunity to move around and meet other members. This winter the event will be at 2.30 p.m. on Sat. 7 Jan. in the village hall at Malborough. The speakers will be Mr. G. Waterhouse, Headmaster of Modbury School on "The Importance of the Kingsbridge Estuary" Tickets (£1 including the tea) may be obtained from Ardene Bennett or Natalie Hilton at Hill Cottage.



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