

Congratulations to Ringmore Quiz Team who beat Diptford in the second leg at Diptford on Wednesday evening. This puts them through into the next round. The Newsletter in 1988 cost your Parish Council £24.31p. Unfortunately, we will shortly be faced with an increase in production costs. (See Parish Council News). Ringmore Country Fayre have subsidised the printing by about £5 per month. Their costs will shortly increase and understandably are passing this on, although their subsidy will remain the same. This increase will double our costs. The Parish Council have considered, at length their financial involvement and do not feel that they could underwrite the whole of the increase. The Council feel, and this is shared by a large majority of Parishioners that the Newsletter should continue in its present form. There have been some comments regarding items not directly connected with the village. Apart from a few exceptions these items have been used to fill blank spaces and do not incur extra cost. We have also had many comments in favour of these items. Nearly all households in the Parish have been visited and asked if they would be willing to contribute £1 per year towards financing the Newsletter: the response has been overwhelmingly in favour. If we have missed you or you were out we hope you will give this your approval and support. If the responses from the major contributors are favourable and there is a sum of money still held at the end of the year this will be carried forward and the amount requested from each household will be reduced accordingly for 1990. We can of course only look ahead a year at a time. We hope that this way of financing the Newsletter meets with your approval.

Stan and Pam Brunskill.

Has anyone got a November 1988 Newsletter that they don't want. Please leave at the P.O.

RAINFALL: From 2 January - 30 January 2".

PARISH COUNCIL

The cost of the Parish Newsletter is under-written by the Parish Council, out of our precept from the rates. Thanks to the splendid work of the Editor, Mr. Stan Brunskill, in obtaining revenue from advertisers the cost to the Council has never exceeded £2 per month. Unfortunately, in the next financial year, even if the size of the newsletter is restricted to two sheets, the cost is likely to be of the order of £110 - of which only £50 will be covered by advertising. The Parish Council could not meet such a cost and has been considering various alternatives. We do not wish to give up the Newsletter or to return to the earlier reproduction by duplicator and it would not be practical to make a charge to readers. At present an attempt is being made to find a cheaper method of production and, if this fails, it may be necessary to ask the major contributors to help with the cost.

Annual Parish Meeting.

This meeting will be at 7.30 p.m. on 11 April. It is hoped that Mr. Tremlett, of the South Hams District Council, will attend to explain the impact of the Community Charge, which will replace the rates in 1990.

Rubbish Collection.

It may not be widely known that large un-wanted items - such as washing machines - can be collected free of charge, if a request is made to the Kingsbridge Depot.

Footpaths.

A request is to be made to the new Tourist Officer of the South Hams District Council to press for improvements in the up-keep of our footpaths.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The next afternoon meeting will be on Wednesday 22 February at 2.30 p.m. Mrs. Kit Taylor will give us some further reminiscences of her life in Kenya.

The next evening meeting will be on Thursday 9 March at 7.30 p.m. Mr. Gordon Waterhouse, Headmaster of Modbury School, will be the speaker. Mr. Bryan Ashby will show slides of the coast from Bantham to Salcombe. The meeting will be open to the public. Both these meetings will be in the W.I. Hall. The next Group Meeting will be on Tuesday 18 April at Loddiswell.

ELECTRIC FLYMO/HOVER MOWER. Has anyone an electric flymo/hover mower I can try out on my lawn before I buy one?
Hazel Freeman, Mount Pleasant.

INTER-PARISH QUIZ Full report next month.

SPRING SALE

The Women's Section RBL will be holding this Annual event on Saturday 25 February at the Memorial Hall, St. Ann's Chapel at 2 p.m. Stalls include Jumble, Tombola, Bric a Brac, cakes and a raffle.

SOUTH HAMS SOCIETY AGM will be held at the Kings Arms Hotel, Kingsbridge on Thursday 23 March at 7.30 p.m. Mr. Bill Budgett will talk on "Salcombe Lifeboat goes Modern". Admission Free.

A THANK YOU

I would be very grateful if you could spare spaces for me to say Thank you for the kindness and generosity shown to me on my recent 90th birthday. My house has been beautiful with flowers and bright with lovely cards - (on taking these down I found that they number exactly 90, when I include the home made ones by Michael Wood and Daniel Wynne-Powell - 1 card for each year of my life!). What with the wonderful birthday party in the W.I. Hall and the "Cordon Bleu" lunch party at Walnut Tree Cottage for Mrs. Collyer (93) and myself I am quite unable to express my thanks. As I cut Miss Hilton's superlative birthday cake at the W.I. party, my wish was that you might all have as wonderful a 90th birthday as you had given me. That is still the wish of a very grateful Kit Taylor.

KEEP FIT CLASSES

Have you heard about the KEEP FIT CLASSES held on Friday mornings 10.30 a.m. - Noon in the Memorial Hall, St. Anne's Chapel? All ages, not too strenuous! £1.75 per session. Great Fun. Do come along.

BIGBURY COFFEE MORNING

Bigbury is holding a Coffee Morning in aid of the South Hams Hospital X-Ray Appeal at Sedgewell Sands, Bigbury-on-Sea on Tuesday, 14 March at 10.30 a.m. (By kind invitation of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Smith). Coffee and Hot Cross Buns, Bring and Buy, Cake Stall, Raffles etc. Please come and support this event.

THE BELLS

During the last week or two, you may have heard the odd bell sounding from the Church Belfry, or have seen John Milne-Smith or me walking through the village carrying strange pieces of metal. John has been refurbishing the bells, following a report from the Diocesan Adviser on bells, recommending that the bell-bolts which secure the bells to wooden beams, and the centre-bolts, which secure the chiming clappers, should be replaced and the clappers with their fittings overhauled at the same time. The steelwork of the bell-frame and the clappers was very rusty, requiring cleaning and painting with rust-preventer. The Church Council asked a bell-hanger to give an estimate for this work, although it was probably that much of it could be done within the parish. He was very glad that we were thinking of this since he had a full work book for some months ahead and he was sure that we would be able to do it. He gave us a detailed specification of the work to be done and said that possibly some of the bolts would be found to be in a reasonable condition. Each bell is held up by two bell-bolts, (about 13-15 inches long, depending on the size of the bell) and the centre-bolt from which the clapper hangs. The bell-hanger told us that we could safely draw one bolt at a time for inspection and that we need not build up blocks on the belfry floor to support the bell while one bolt was withdrawn; this helped considerably. The nuts appeared to be well-rusted on, but after a few days soaking in penetrating oil, they moved with reasonable ease. We found that both bell-bolts on the Second bell (the middle note, between the Treble and the Tenor) were worn where the bolt passed through the bell - presumably from the vibration - so that the thickness of the bolts was 3mm less at this point. Similarly with the Tenor (the biggest bell). The centre-bolts screwed into sockets on the clapper mechanism; with these, only the Second needed replacing. Having taken them out, one by one, measured them and put them back, we ordered the five replacements, in stainless steel, from Roger Simcox in Kingsbridge. He made these for us very quickly but obviously we had to wait some days so John was able to take the clappers home, de-rust them, mend the 'triggers' on two of the levers and paint the lot. He also stripped down the rack from which the bells are chimed, painting the metal and varnishing the wood of the frame. There will have to be adjustments made as the bells bed down again and the slow job of chipping the rust off the frames and re-painting with rust-preventer remains but the main work has been done. Thank you, John. RCT

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INN-SIGHT - THE JOURNEY'S END INN. FIRSTLY, OUR APOLOGIES FOR THE NOISE INVOLVED WHEN DEMOLISHING THE OLD GENTS TOILET. IT IS SUGGESTED THAT IT USED TO BE AN OLD WATER TANK AND WAS MADE OF VERY RESILIENT BLOCKS. THE ASH & SYCAMORE TREES HAD TO GO UNFORTUNATELY. THEY WERE GROWING IN THE RETAINING WALL AND THE ROOTS WERE CAUSING THE WALL TO BUCKLE. WE WILL BE REPLACING THEM WITH MATURE TREES (NOT IN THE WALL) IN THE AUTUMN. THE BUILDING WORK IS PROGRESSING WELL AND AT THE TIME OF WRITING THE WALLS ARE ALMOST AT ROOF LEVEL. THE TOILETS SHOULD BE COMPLETED BY EASTER (SEE FUTURE EVENTS). BUT THE CONSERVATORY AND ROOF REPAIRS PROBABLY WON'T BE FINISHED UNTIL MAY. WE HAVE NOW ALSO TIDIED UP THE CAR PARK. IT IS OUR INTENTION TO TARMAc THE SURFACE, ERECT A NEW SIGN, AND RE-INSTATE LIGHTING, WHICH WOULD BE SUBDUED AND OPERATED BY A TIME SWITCH. THE WHOLE THING INVOLVES AT LEAST TWO PLANNING APPLICATIONS, BUT IF ANYONE HAS ANY FEARS OR WORRIES PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO CONTACT US AND WE WILL TRY TO PUT YOUR MIND AT EASE. OUR TRIVIA QUIZ WENT EXTREMELY WELL AND WAS WELL ATTENDED. WE WILL BE HAVING ANOTHER LATER IN THE YEAR. OUR THANKS TO THE W.I. FOR TABLES AND CHAIRS. FUTURE EVENTS: SAT. 25 FEBRUARY 60'S POP QUIZ AGAIN THE EMPHASIS IS ON FUN NOT HOW CLEVER YOU ARE. BRING SOME 60'S MEMORABILIA WITH YOU - IT MAY BE ESSENTIAL - AND COULD WIN YOU A PRIZE. SAT. 19 MARCH. PUB GAMES NIGHT. REMEMBER THE LAST ONE. THERE WILL BE A FEW IMPROVEMENTS TO THE GAMES PLUS SOME NEW ONES AND WE MAY COMBINE THE EVENING WITH THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE NEW TOILETS. THERE WILL BE PINK AND BLUE RAFFLE TICKETS AVAILABLE FOR THE FIRST PERSONS TO USE THEM. WE HAVE NOW TAKEN DELIVERY OF A NEW GRILL AND WILL SHORTLY BE ABLE TO OFFER STEAKS AND TROUT ON OUR MENU. WATCH THE CAR PARK SIGN FOR DETAILS. SAT. 15 APRIL. OUR 1ST ANNIVERSARY FANCY DRESS ON A THEME OF CELEBRITY LOOK-A-LIKE. WHO DO YOU LOOK LIKE? - WHO CAN YOU LOOK LIKE? WE ARE ALSO MAKING ENQUIRIES FOR A TRAD. JAZZ BAND TO PERFORM HERE ONE SUNDAY LUNCHTIME, AND OF COURSE WE HOPE TO HAVE THE EVER POPULAR MORRIS MEN BACK.



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CHURCH NOTES

The Rector writes

We had a super holiday in January and I am very grateful to those who looked after the services at home during that time. In Lanzarote the weather was almost too good to be true and there was opportunity for tennis, swimming, walking - yes, and study too!

On the Sundays, I volunteered to take simple Family Services, with Communion. For the rest of the time we were very obviously holiday makers - yet I was still taken to be the staff chaplain! Now I know that clergymen are thought to work on Sundays only, but this was going too far



Church Services throughout the Parishes

<u>February</u>	<u>BIGBURY</u>	<u>RINGMORE</u>	<u>KINGSTON</u>
12th	<u>11.0pm</u> Family Service	<u>9.0am</u> Holy Communion	<u>6.0</u> Evening Service
19th	<u>8.0am</u> Holy Communion	<u>6.0pm</u> Evening Service	<u>11.0am</u> Family Service
26th	<u>11.0am</u> Morning Service & Communion	<u>9.0am</u> Holy Communion	<u>6.0pm</u> Evening Service
<u>March</u>			
5th	<u>6.0pm</u> Evening Service	<u>11.0am</u> Family Service	<u>9.0am</u> Holy Communion
Mothering Sunday			<u>3.0pm</u> Family Service
12th	<u>11.0am</u> Family Service	<u>9.0am</u> Holy Communion	<u>6.0pm</u> Evening Service

LENT PROGRAMME

Ash Wednesday fell on Feb.8th and was marked by Communion services in Bigbury and Kingston. On subsequent Wednesdays, we hope to provide Communion services at 9.15am, moving between our three churches (as indicated on the Church Bulletin each week).

The LENT COURSE itself will take us through the five remaining instalments of the video series "Jesus - then and now". They are concerned with the concluding events of Jesus' earthly ministry - growing opposition, His Trial and Crucifixion, the Resurrection, the coming of the Holy Spirit, and on to the situation today and our hopes for the future. We plan to show each instalment three times - on Wednesday evenings, Thursday afternoons (addresses on the Church Bulletin) and also on Saturday mornings, 10am at the Rectory.

The WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE (to which all are invited) is to be held at All Hallows', Ringmore, this year - 2.30pm on Friday March 3rd. A cup of tea will be served in the W.I. hall after the service at 3.30pm.

OUR DOCTORS IN ZAIRE



We have heard from David and Susan Pouncey that they have arrived safely in Zaire, with baby Anna, and have now gone 'up country' to the hospital where they are to get used to the ways of African medical work. Having to leave the baby with a minder, while she tackles the new situation and tropical diseases, is quite a worry for Susan, but she and David are secure in the knowledge that God called them there and will take care of them too. If you would like to receive a copy of their prayer-letters as they come to hand, please give your name & address to Doreen Drowley and she will see you get one.

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